

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 74(FIN) am H

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Amended: 2/13/97

Introduced: 2/10/97

Funding Information:	General Fund	\$1,000,000
	Other Funds	-0-
		<u>\$1,000,000</u>

Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act making appropriations concerning the state's position on the sovereign
 2 powers of Native tribal governments in the state; and providing for an effective
 3 date."

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

5 * **Section 1.** (a) The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the
 6 Department of Law for the purpose of advocating the state's legal position on the sovereign
 7 powers of Native tribal governments in the state, including representation and advocacy before
 8 federal and state courts and federal administrative agencies.

9 (b) Subject to the condition set out in (c) of this section, the sum of \$500,000 is
 10 appropriated from the general fund to the Legislative Council for the purpose of supporting
 11 the state's interest, including litigation, on the issue of the sovereign powers of Native tribal
 12 governments in the state in light of the decision of the federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
 13 in State of Alaska v. Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government (9th Cir. Case No. 96-
 14 35042, decided November 20, 1996).

1 (c) The appropriation made in (b) of this section may not be encumbered or expended
2 until the encumbrance or expenditure has been approved by the Legislative Council in a
3 meeting.

4 * **Sec. 2.** The appropriations made by this Act lapse June 30, 1998.

5 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).