

**SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 96(FIN)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 2/22/02**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE LANCASTER**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act relating to acquisition and development of the Jesse Lee Home; and providing**  
2   **for an effective date."**

3   **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4       \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
5   to read:

6           FINDINGS; INTENT. (a) The legislature finds that the Jesse Lee Home in Seward  
7   has historical significance for all the people of the state because John Ben (Benny) Benson,  
8   Jr., lived at the home when he designed the state flag.

9           (b) The legislature further finds that the Jesse Lee Home is currently in such  
10   dilapidated condition, having been vacant since it was damaged by the 1964 earthquake, that  
11   the home's renovation may be beyond the means of the local community.

12          (c) It is the intent of the legislature that, if practical, the Jesse Lee Home and the real  
13   property on which it is located be preserved and managed in a manner that recognizes its  
14   place in the state's history. Appropriate management would include the erection of a

1 monument honoring Benny Benson for his role in designing the state flag and development of  
2 the site as a place where community events and ceremonies could be held.

3 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
4 read:

5 JESSE LEE HOME. (a) The Department of Natural Resources shall determine the  
6 costs and procedures necessary for the preservation, development, and management of the  
7 Jesse Lee Home. The department shall report to the governor and the legislature by  
8 November 1, 2003, concerning its recommendations as to the procedures to be used and an  
9 estimate of costs involved for the possible preservation of the home, erection of an  
10 appropriate monument, development of the site for future appropriate uses, and ongoing  
11 management.

12 (b) Subject to the availability of an appropriation specified as being for the acquisition  
13 of the Jesse Lee Home, the Department of Natural Resources may acquire the Jesse Lee  
14 Home and develop and manage it consistent with the intent of this Act.

15 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2002.