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Governor Mike Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

January 20, 2025

The Honorable Bryce Edgmon
Speaker-Elect of the House of Representatives
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker-Elect Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article. III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order establishing the Alaska Department of Agriculture. Pursuant to my authority under Article. III, Section 23, of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order would create a new principal Department of the State with authority over agricultural policy.

This order would transfer the powers and duties of the Department of Natural Resources relating to agriculture in Title 3 of the Alaska Statutes to the new Department of Agriculture. The Alaska Board of Agriculture and Conservation would be moved to the new Department. The Commissioner of Agriculture would consult with the Commissioner of Natural Resources in the classification, leasing, and sale of state agricultural land. The Order would also rename the Alaska Natural Resource Conservation and Development Board and place the Commissioner of Agriculture on the Board, ex-officio.

Two Task Forces, one established by my Administrative Order 331 (modified under AOs 334 and 341) and another within the Legislative Branch established by House Bill 298 signed in 2022, have concluded that it is in the best interests of state policy priorities for greater food security and increasing agriculture production to create a Department of Agriculture.

This Executive Order will encourage the development and growth of the agriculture industry in Alaska through the establishment of a Department dedicated to a mission focused on increased production activity and accountability to the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosure

Executive Order No. 136