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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 34(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATORS KAUFMAN, Bjorkman, Merrick, Bishop, Hughes, Shower, Myers

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act reestablishing the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management**
2 **Areas in Alaska; relating to the membership and duties of the Citizens' Advisory**
3 **Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; relating to the authority of the**
4 **Department of Natural Resources regarding the Citizens' Advisory Commission on**
5 **Federal Management Areas in Alaska; and providing for an effective date."**

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

7 *** Section 1.** AS 41.37.160 is amended to read:

8 **Sec. 41.37.160. Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management**
9 **Areas in Alaska.** The Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas
10 in Alaska is established in the department **for administrative purposes only**. In the
11 exercise of its responsibilities, the commission shall consider the views of citizens of
12 the state and officials of the state.

13 *** Sec. 2.** AS 41.37.170(b) is amended to read:

(b) The members [MEMBERSHIP] of the commission who are not members of the legislature shall represent each judicial district with not more than three members being from any one judicial district [REGION OF THE STATE TO GIVE THE COMMISSION A REASONABLE GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE AMONG REGIONS OF THE STATE].

* **Sec. 3.** AS 41.37.180 is amended to read:

Sec. 41.37.180. Qualifications of members. The members of the commission appointed by the governor under AS 41.37.170(c) and members appointed under AS 41.37.170(d) and (e) who are not members of the legislature shall be representative of the diversity of users and uses of federal land in the state. At least one member must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe and at least one other member must be a shareholder of a corporation organized under 43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq. (Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act).

* **Sec. 4.** AS 41.37.220 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(i) The commission shall determine which matters are considered, researched, heard, and recommended by the commission under this section.

* **Sec. 5.** AS 44.66.010(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(15) Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska (AS 41.37.160) - June 30, 2031.

* **Sec. 6.** AS 44.66.010(a)(10) is repealed.

* **Sec. 7.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

TRANSITION. Notwithstanding AS 41.37.190(a), the terms of the initial members of the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska appointed by the governor under AS 41.37.170(c) are as follows: (1) two members shall be appointed for a four-year term; (2) two members shall be appointed for a three-year term; (3) one member shall be appointed for a two-year term; and (4) one member shall be appointed for a one-year term. The governor shall specify the term of office of each member appointed subject to this section.

* **Sec. 8.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2024.