

**AMENDMENT**

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BY REPRESENTATIVE RAUSCHER

TO: CSHB 296(RES), Draft Version "B"

Page 10, following line 25:

Insert a new bill section to read:

**"\* Sec. 25.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

INSTITUTIONAL PURCHASING PROCESS REVIEW AND REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. (a) The director of the division of the Department of Natural Resources with responsibility for agriculture, in collaboration with the chief procurement officer appointed under AS 36.30.010, shall prepare a report containing recommendations as to how state procurement processes may be amended to purchase greater quantities of agricultural products harvested in the state. In preparing the report, the director shall consult with, and solicit recommendations from, state agricultural producers, distributors, and agency buyers. The report must include

(1) a review of state agency contracting and procurement processes to identify opportunities for the agencies to procure greater quantities of agricultural products harvested in the state and related findings;

(2) recommendations as to how existing state agency procurement practices, policies, regulations, or state statutes could be amended to facilitate state agencies purchase of agricultural products harvested in the state; and

(3) a description of the result of collaboration with state agricultural producers, distributors, and agency buyers.

(b) The director of the division of the Department of Natural Resources with responsibility for agriculture, in collaboration with the chief procurement officer appointed under AS 36.30.010, shall submit the report to the senate secretary and chief clerk of the

1 house of representatives on or before the first day of the First Regular Session of the Thirty-  
2 Fourth Alaska State Legislature, and notify the legislature that the report is available."

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4 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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6 Page 11, line 17:

7 Delete "Sections 1 and 26"

8 Insert "Sections 1 and 27"