

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 236(FIN)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Offered:****Referred:****Sponsor(s): SENATORS KIEHL, Bjorkman****A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED****"An Act relating to grants to disaster victims."****BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**\* **Section 1.** AS 26.23.090(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(b) When the President declares a major disaster, the governor may make a financial grant to an individual or family to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of the individual or family adversely affected by the disaster that cannot otherwise adequately be met from other means of assistance. The governor may make a grant under this subsection to an individual or family in an amount whose total of federal and state shares does not exceed the maximum amount authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5174(h) for grants payable to individuals and families.

\* **Sec. 2.** AS 26.23.090 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(d) When the President does not declare a major disaster but the governor declares a disaster emergency, the governor may make a financial grant to an individual or family to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of the individual or family adversely affected by the disaster that cannot otherwise

1 adequately be met from other means of assistance. The total amount of grant money  
2 provided to an individual or family under this subsection for the disaster may not  
3 exceed the greater of \$50,000 or one-half of the maximum amount authorized by 42  
4 U.S.C. 5174(h) for grants payable to individuals and families. An individual or family  
5 that is a unit owner may use a grant made to the unit owner under this subsection to  
6 meet the unit's common expense liability that is associated with the disaster. In this  
7 subsection, "common expense liability," "unit," and "unit owner" have the meanings  
8 given in AS 34.08.990.