

**HOUSE BILL NO. 52**

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

**TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE HERRON**

**Introduced: 1/21/15**

**Referred: Education, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act establishing a museum construction grant program in the Department of**  
2   **Commerce, Community, and Economic Development."**

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

4    \* **Section 1.** AS 14.57 is amended by adding new sections to read:

5                               **Article 4. Museum Construction.**

6               **Sec. 14.57.300. Museum construction, expansion, and major renovation**  
7       **matching grant program.** (a) A matching grant program is established in the  
8       Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development for museum  
9       construction, expansion, and major renovation projects approved under this section.

10               (b) A person in charge of construction, expansion, or major renovation of an  
11       eligible museum may apply to the department for a matching grant under regulations  
12       adopted by the department.

13               (c) Subject to appropriation, the department shall award not more than 50  
14       percent of the total proposed grant project costs to an eligible applicant.

1 (d) In this section, "major renovation" means a significant physical upgrade  
2 that allows a museum to better preserve artifacts and present artifacts to the public or  
3 to improve space to allow a museum to provide improved educational services to the  
4 public.

5 **Sec. 14.57.305. Eligibility.** A museum may be eligible to receive a grant award  
6 under AS 14.57.300 if the museum applies for a grant on a form approved by the  
7 department and

8 (1) is located in the state;

9 (2) is eligible to receive state grant funds; and

10 (3) provides matching funds from other sources in an amount equal to  
11 at least 50 percent of the total proposed grant project costs.

12 **Sec. 14.57.350. Definitions.** In AS 14.57.300 - 14.57.350,

13 (1) "department" means the Department of Commerce, Community,  
14 and Economic Development;

15 (2) "museum" means

16 (A) a museum as defined in AS 14.57.290; and

17 (B) a cultural center that exhibits, cares for, or stores  
18 collections and is open to the public.