

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 52(EDC)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HERRON, Ortiz

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

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

Article 4. Museum Construction.

**Sec. 14.57.300. Museum construction, expansion, and major renovation
matching grant program.** (a) A matching grant program is established in the
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development for museum
construction, expansion, and major renovation projects approved under this section.
The department may not accept an application for a grant under this section unless the
legislature makes an appropriation for the grant program.

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

1 (c) The department shall award not more than 50 percent of the final projected
2 costs based on accepted bids to an eligible applicant.

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

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

10 (1) is located in the state;

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

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

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

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

17 (2) "museum" means

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

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