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HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 239(L&C)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR DUNBAR

A BILL
FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and**
2 **relating to residential development projects."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 44.88.070 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 44.88.070. Purpose of the authority.** The purpose of the authority is to
6 promote, develop, and advance the general prosperity and economic welfare of the
7 people of the state, to relieve problems of unemployment, and to create additional
8 employment by

9 (1) providing various means of financing and means of facilitating the
10 financing, in cooperation with federal, state, and private institutions, of industrial,
11 manufacturing, energy, export, small business, and business enterprises and the other
12 facilities referred to in AS 44.88.010(a) in the state;

13 (2) owning and operating or providing development project financing
14 for the enterprises and other facilities described in AS 44.88.172;

1 (3) fostering the expansion of exports of goods, services, and raw
2 materials of the state;

3 (4) cooperating and acting in conjunction with other organizations,
4 public and private, the objects of which are the promotion and advancement of export
5 trade activities in the state;

6 (5) establishing a source of funding credit guarantees and insurance,
7 not otherwise available, to support export development;

8 (6) providing and cooperating or participating with federal, state, and
9 private institutions to provide actual and potential state exporters, particularly small-
10 and medium-sized exporters, with financial assistance in support of export
11 transactions;

12 **(7) providing various means of financing and means of facilitating**
13 **the financing of facilities containing four or more dwelling units.**

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 44.88.080 is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 44.88.080. Powers of the authority.** In furtherance of its corporate
16 purposes, the authority has the following powers in addition to its other powers:

17 (1) to sue and be sued;

18 (2) to have a seal and alter it at pleasure;

19 (3) to make and alter bylaws for its organization and internal
20 management;

21 (4) to adopt regulations governing the exercise of its corporate powers;

22 (5) to acquire an interest in a project as necessary or appropriate to
23 provide financing for the project, whether by purchase, gift, or lease;

24 (6) to lease to others a project acquired by it for the rentals and upon
25 the terms and conditions the authority may consider advisable, including, without
26 limitation, provisions for options to purchase or renew;

27 (7) to issue bonds and otherwise to incur indebtedness, in accordance
28 with AS 44.88.090, in order to pay the cost of a project or development projects or in
29 order to provide money for the authority's purposes under this chapter; the authority
30 may also secure payment of the bonds or other indebtedness as provided in this
31 chapter;

1 (8) to sell, by installment sale or otherwise, exchange, donate, convey,
2 or encumber, in any manner by mortgage or by creation of any other security interest,
3 real or personal property owned by it, or in which it has an interest, including a
4 project, when, in the judgment of the authority, the action is in furtherance of its
5 corporate purposes;

6 (9) to accept gifts, grants, or loans from, and enter into contracts or
7 other transactions regarding them with, a federal agency, an agency or instrumentality
8 of the state, a municipality, a private organization, or other source;

9 (10) to deposit or invest its funds, subject to agreements with
10 bondholders;

11 (11) to enter into contracts or agreements with respect to the exercise
12 of any of its powers, and do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its
13 corporate purposes and exercise the powers granted in this chapter;

14 (12) to purchase or insure loans to finance the costs of manufacturing,
15 industrial, and business enterprise projects;

16 (13) to enter into loan agreements with respect to one or more projects
17 upon the terms and conditions the authority considers advisable;

18 (14) to acquire, manage, and operate projects as the authority considers
19 necessary or appropriate to serve a public purpose;

20 (15) to assist private lenders to make loans to finance the costs of
21 projects through loan commitments, short-term financing, or otherwise;

22 (16) to accept gifts, grants, or loans from a federal agency, from an
23 agency or instrumentality of the state or of a municipality, or from any other source;

24 (17) to enter into contracts or other transactions with a federal agency,
25 with an agency or instrumentality of the state or of a municipality, or with a private
26 organization or other entity consistent with the exercise of any power under this
27 chapter;

28 (18) to facilitate the expansion of a secondary market for the resale of
29 federally or commercially insured loans made to finance the costs of projects in the
30 state held by federal and state chartered financial institutions or by the Alaska
31 Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank;

1 (19) to charge fees or other forms of remuneration for the use or
2 possession of the projects described in (14) of this section in accordance with the
3 agreements described in (11) and (17) of this section, other agreements pertaining to
4 the projects, covenants, or representations made in bond documents pertaining to the
5 projects, or regulations of the authority pertaining to the projects;

6 (20) to participate with government or private industry in programs for
7 technical assistance, loans, technology, transfer, or other programs related to the
8 exportation of goods, services, or raw materials of the state with respect to its
9 financing activities;

10 (21) to provide export finance training for office staff and other
11 individuals involved in export finance assistance, including the training sessions that
12 may be provided by the United States Export-Import Bank or other organizations;

13 (22) to coordinate to the maximum extent possible its efforts to
14 promote the export of goods, services, and raw materials of the state with programs
15 and goals of the United States Export-Import Bank, the International Trade
16 Administration of the United States Department of Commerce, the Foreign Credit
17 Insurance Association, and other private and public programs designed to provide
18 export assistance and export-related financing;

19 (23) to guarantee loans related to qualified export transactions under
20 regulations adopted by the authority;

21 (24) to provide financing assistance, in cooperation with federal, state,
22 and private institutions, as provided in this chapter for small business enterprises;

23 (25) to make cooperative agreements with the Department of
24 Transportation and Public Facilities, acting on behalf of the international airports
25 revenue fund established under AS 37.15.430, to acquire, equip, operate, maintain,
26 construct, or install facilities that will enhance the competitiveness of the international
27 airports, including a cooperative agreement to lend amounts from the international
28 airports revenue fund to finance the development or improvement of utilities serving
29 the airports;

30 (26) to screen potential applicants for a new business incentive grant
31 and recommend the award of the grants under AS 45.81.020;

1 (27) to oversee the administration of outstanding grants awarded by the
2 Alaska Science and Technology Foundation under former AS 37.17.010 - 37.17.110;

3 (28) to oversee the administration of outstanding BIDCO assistance
4 grants and loans made by the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation under
5 former AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390;

6 (29) to guarantee loans made to the Alaska Insurance Guaranty
7 Association (AS 21.80.040), with these guarantees limited to loans necessary to make
8 the association financially able to meet cash flow needs up to a maximum outstanding
9 principal balance at any time of \$30,000,000;

10 (30) with legislative approval and notwithstanding AS 44.88.060, to
11 purchase from the Alaska Energy Authority as an investment of the revolving fund,
12 loans of the power project fund established under AS 42.45.010;

13 (31) to consider, when exercising the powers listed in this section, the
14 interests of local governments affected by the authority's activities to share in the
15 benefits of these activities, with appropriate consideration of the authority's ability to
16 meet debt obligations, issue new debt, and fulfill the authority's purposes;

17 (32) to provide development project financing for all or a portion of
18 the cost of a development project as provided in AS 44.88.172;

19 **(33) to provide various means of financing and means of**
20 **facilitating the financing of facilities containing four or more dwelling units.**

21 * **Sec. 3.** AS 44.88.900(6) is amended to read:

22 (6) "development project" has the meaning given to "project" in
23 (13)(A), [AND] (D) - (H), **and (J)** of this section;

24 * **Sec. 4.** AS 44.88.900(13) is amended to read:

25 (13) "project" means

26 (A) a plant or facility used or intended for use in connection
27 with making, processing, preparing, transporting, or producing in any manner,
28 goods, products, or substances of any kind or nature or in connection with
29 developing or utilizing a natural resource, or extracting, smelting, transporting,
30 converting, assembling, or producing in any manner, minerals, raw materials,
31 chemicals, compounds, alloys, fibers, commodities and materials, products, or

1 substances of any kind or nature;

2 (B) a plant or facility used or intended for use in connection
3 with a business enterprise;

4 (C) commercial activity by a business enterprise;

5 (D) a plant or facility demonstrating technological advances of
6 new methods and procedures and prototype commercial applications for the
7 exploration, development, production, transportation, conversion, and use of
8 energy resources;

9 (E) infrastructure for a new tourism destination facility or for
10 the expansion of a tourism destination facility; in this subparagraph, "tourism
11 destination facility" does not include a hotel or other overnight lodging facility;

12 (F) a plant or facility, other than a plant or facility described in
13 (D) of this paragraph, for the generation, transmission, development,
14 transportation, conversion, or use of energy resources;

15 (G) a plant or facility that enhances, provides for, or promotes
16 economic development with respect to transportation, communications,
17 community public purposes, technical innovations, prototype commercial
18 applications of intellectual property, or research;

19 (H) a plant or facility used or intended for use as a federal
20 facility, including a United States military, national guard, or coast guard
21 facility;

22 (I) infrastructure for an area that is designated as a military
23 facility zone under AS 26.30;

24 **(J) a facility containing four or more dwelling units;**