

**SENATE BILL NO. 261**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the Special Olympics World Winter Games to be held in  
2 Anchorage in the year 2001; establishing a reserve fund for the games; providing  
3 certain duties and authority for the Alaska Industrial Development and Export  
4 Authority regarding financing for those games; and providing for an effective  
5 date."

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

7 \* **Section 1. FINDINGS.** The legislature finds that

8 (1) holding the 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Anchorage will  
9 benefit the state through national and international recognition of the state as a location for  
10 large-scale sporting events;

11 (2) the 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games are expected to draw  
12 thousands of athletes, coaches, and spectators to the state;

13 (3) the state's economy is expected to benefit from the influx of athletes,

1 coaches, and spectators who participate in or attend the 2001 Special Olympics World Winter  
2 Games;

3 (4) the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority can fulfill its vital  
4 economic development mission for the state by facilitating the 2001 Special Olympics World  
5 Winter Games;

6 (5) by the holding of the 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games in  
7 Anchorage, the state will host the largest multisport event in the world in 2001, showcasing  
8 its world-class competition venues and unparalleled natural beauty to a global television  
9 audience; and

10 (6) the state and its people are proud to welcome athletes experiencing certain  
11 developmental disabilities from around the world who will demonstrate their extraordinary  
12 skills, dedication, courage, and joy during the 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games.

13 \* **Sec. 2. RESERVE FUND ESTABLISHED.** There is created in the Alaska Industrial  
14 Development and Export Authority the 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games reserve  
15 fund to carry out the purposes of this Act. All money for the 2001 Special Olympics World  
16 Winter Games granted to the authority by the United States government, all money  
17 appropriated to the fund, and all money received by the authority from other grants, trusts,  
18 bequests, and donations for those games shall be paid into the reserve fund.

19 \* **Sec. 3. ADMINISTRATION.** (a) The authority may

20 (1) accept grants from the United States government for the 2001 Special  
21 Olympics World Winter Games to be held in Anchorage;

22 (2) accept gifts, grants, trusts, bequests, or donations from any person for those  
23 games;

24 (3) administer and invest the reserve fund in accordance with the powers and  
25 responsibilities established in AS 37.10.071;

26 (4) use the reserve fund as the authority determines necessary to facilitate those  
27 games; and

28 (5) designate agents and delegate the authority's powers under this Act to them  
29 as necessary;

30 (b) The authority shall

31 (1) review the finance plan submitted to the authority by the local sponsor

1 organization under sec. 4 of this Act;

2 (2) annually

3 (A) determine whether there is sufficient money from all sources other  
4 than from state appropriations to cover the valid obligations of the local sponsor  
5 organization for the games;

6 (B) if there is insufficient money from those other sources, determine  
7 the amount, not to exceed a cumulative total of \$4,000,000, necessary to capitalize the  
8 reserve fund to fulfill the purposes of the reserve fund; and

9 (C) report that amount to the governor and the legislature in the  
10 certificate required by sec. 4(e) of this Act.

11 \* **Sec. 4. FINANCE PLAN AND FINANCING.** (a) If the local sponsor organization  
12 desires state financial assistance for the games, the organization shall prepare a finance plan  
13 for those games and submit that plan to the authority for approval no later than 90 days after  
14 the effective date of this Act. The finance plan must include

15 (1) an estimate of the total cost of the games and a description of the sources  
16 of money that will be used to finance the total cost of the games;

17 (2) an estimate of the operational costs of the games and a description of the  
18 source of money that will be used to pay the operational costs;

19 (3) a method of financing the games that minimizes the cost to the state.

20 (b) The local sponsor organization shall update the finance plan semiannually and  
21 shall submit the updated plan to the authority for approval semiannually.

22 (c) The local sponsor organization shall provide to the authority additional information  
23 reasonably requested by the authority.

24 (d) The finance plan is subject to approval by the authority.

25 (e) The chair of the authority shall, at least annually, no later than January 2, make  
26 and deliver to the governor and the legislature a certificate stating whether the local sponsor  
27 organization has met the requirements of (a) - (d) of this section and stating the amount, if  
28 any, determined under sec. 3(b)(2) of this Act, not to exceed a cumulative total of \$4,000,000.

29 If the local sponsor organization has met the requirements of (a) - (d) of this section, the  
30 legislature may appropriate such an amount, to be deposited by the authority in the reserve  
31 fund. Nothing in this subsection creates a debt or liability of the state.

1     \* **Sec. 5.** DEFINITIONS. In this Act,

2                   (1) "authority" means the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority;

3                   (2) "games" means the Special Olympics World Winter Games to be held in  
4 Anchorage in the year 2001;

5                   (3) "local sponsor organization" means the 2001 Special Olympics World  
6 Games Organizing Committee or its successor organization;

7                   (4) "reserve fund" means the 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games  
8 reserve fund.

9     \* **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).