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AMENDMENT #1

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Extends the sunset date for five years. The Alaska Regional Economic Assistance program best know as the ARDOR program is due to sunset July 1st of this year, 2003.

The ARDOR's have been given one year to prove themselves and comeback with more results; this is reasonable as all departments and divisions are doing this through the means of Missions & Measures. However, I believe that the ARDOR's need more than one year; how can they possibly plan ahead beyond one year and anticipate leveraging federal grants that come directly to their communities? When programs are given only one year that usually constitutes a wind down period.

The legislature has appropriation authority; if the ARDOR's do not show reasonable results, the legislature simply reduces the funding.