

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 25(HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/23/03

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATORS WILKEN, Davis, Gary Stevens, Dyson, Seekins, Lincoln

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the acquisition of teachers' housing by regional educational**
2 **attendance areas and to a teacher housing loan program and a teachers' and nurses'**
3 **housing loan program in the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; and providing for an**
4 **effective date."**

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

6 * **Section 1.** AS 14.08.101(9) is amended to read:

7 (9) provide housing for rental to teachers, by leasing existing housing
8 from a local agency or individual, [OR] by entering into contractual arrangements with
9 a local agency or individual to lease housing that will be constructed by the local
10 agency or individual for that purpose, or, without using for the purpose that portion
11 of public school funding that consists of state aid provided under AS 14.17, by
12 constructing or otherwise acquiring housing that is owned and managed by the
13 regional educational attendance area for rental to teachers;

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.56 is amended by adding a new section to read:

1 **Sec. 18.56.109. Teachers' and nurses' housing loan program.** (a) There is
 2 established in the corporation the teachers' and nurses' housing loan program to assist
 3 public school teachers and registered nurses to purchase housing. A loan may be
 4 made under this program only for owner-occupied, single-family housing. The loan
 5 may be made only to an individual employed

6 (1) in a public elementary or secondary school in the state who is
 7 required to be certificated and holds a position as

8 (A) a teacher;

9 (B) a counselor;

10 (C) an administrator; or

11 (D) a provider of special education or related services; or

12 (2) in this state who is working at least 80 hours a month as a
 13 registered nurse and is licensed to practice registered nursing under AS 08.68.230(a).

14 (b) Only one loan may be made to a borrower under this section. The
 15 corporation shall adopt regulations that establish additional terms and conditions for
 16 teachers' and nurses' housing loans, including those relating to borrower eligibility
 17 requirements. A loan may be no greater than 100 percent of the value of the property
 18 for which the loan is made. The corporation may require the borrower to pay costs
 19 associated with the loan.

20 * **Sec. 3.** AS 18.56.580(a) is amended to read:

21 (a) In addition to the powers authorized by AS 18.56.400, the corporation
 22 shall adopt regulations under AS 18.56.088 allowing the use of money in the housing
 23 assistance loan fund to make loans **to regional educational attendance areas or**
 24 **other borrowers** for the purchase or development of teacher housing in small
 25 communities. The regulations must implement the requirements of (b) of this section
 26 and establish other terms and conditions for teacher housing loans, including those
 27 relating to borrower eligibility and the number of loans that may be made to a single
 28 borrower. The corporation may require the borrower to pay costs associated with a
 29 loan.

30 * **Sec. 4.** AS 18.56.109 is repealed July 1, 2008.

31 * **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 - 3 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).