

**HOUSE BILL NO. 333**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE HERRON**

**Introduced: 2/24/14**

**Referred: Education, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act establishing a museum construction grant program in the Department of**  
2 **Education and Early Development."**

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

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

5 **Article 4. Museum Construction.**

6 **Sec. 14.57.300. Museum construction, expansion, and major renovation**  
7 **matching grant program.** (a) A matching grant program is established in the  
8 department for museum construction, expansion, and major renovation projects  
9 approved under this section.

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

13 (c) Subject to appropriation, the department shall award not more than 50  
14 percent of the total proposed grant project costs to an eligible applicant.

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

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

8                   (1) is located in the state;

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

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

12           **Sec. 14.57.350. Definition.** In AS 14.57.300 - 14.57.350, "museum" means

13                   (1) a museum as defined in AS 14.57.290; and

14                   (2) a cultural center that exhibits, cares for, or stores collections and is  
15 open to the public.