

**HOUSE BILL NO. 166**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES PARISH, Kito, Rauscher**

**Introduced: 3/8/17**

**Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act establishing a museum construction grant program in the Department of**  
2 **Commerce, Community, and Economic 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 of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development for museum  
9 construction, expansion, and major renovation projects approved under this section.  
10 The department may not accept an application for a grant under this section unless the  
11 legislature makes an appropriation for the grant program.

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

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

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

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

10 (1) is located in the state;

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

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

14 **Sec. 14.57.350. Definitions.** In AS 14.57.300 - 14.57.350,

15 (1) "department" means the Department of Commerce, Community,  
16 and Economic Development;

17 (2) "museum" means

18 (A) a museum as defined in AS 14.57.290; and

19 (B) a cultural center used to exhibit, care for, or store  
20 collections that is open to the public.