

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 7(CRA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/27/17

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATORS STEVENS, Bishop, Stedman, Egan

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing a museum grant program in the Department of Commerce,**
2 **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 Matching Grant Program.**

6 **Sec. 14.57.300. Museum matching grant program.** (a) A matching grant
7 program is established in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic
8 Development for museum construction, expansion, and major renovation projects
9 approved under this section and for costs related to the repatriation of Native artifacts
10 by museums. The department may not accept an application for a grant under this
11 section unless the legislature makes an appropriation for the grant program.

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

1 (c) The department shall award not more than 50 percent of the total proposed
2 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.