

HOUSE BILL NO. 282

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE RAUSCHER

Introduced: 2/24/20

Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing an Office of Public Policy Events at each campus of the University**
2 **of Alaska."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 14.40.105. Establishment of Offices of Public Policy Events.** (a) The
6 University of Alaska shall establish an Office of Public Policy Events at each campus
7 of the university. Each Office of Public Policy Events shall

8 (1) organize, publicize, and stage debates, forums, and lectures from
9 diverse perspectives that address public policy issues that are widely discussed and
10 debated in society;

11 (2) invite speakers with a wide diversity of perspectives to participate
12 in debates, forums, and lectures, including speakers that are not affiliated with the
13 university who hold perspectives and opinions that are poorly represented on the
14 campus;

1 (3) when necessary, provide honoraria and reimbursement for travel or
2 lodging expenses to participants in a debate, forum, or lecture organized by the Office
3 of Public Policy Events;

4 (4) maintain an up-to-date calendar, both in print and online, that is
5 accessible to the public and lists all events organized by the Office of Public Policy
6 Events and all other on-campus public policy debates, forums, and lectures that are
7 open to the campus community; for each event, excluding an event sponsored by an
8 off-campus group taking place in a rented facility, the calendar must include the title
9 of the event, the name of each speaker, the institutional affiliation, if any, of each
10 speaker, and the name of the organization sponsoring the event;

11 (5) deliver paper and electronic copies of the calendars described in (4)
12 of this subsection from the previous academic year to the governor, the senate
13 secretary, and the chief clerk of the house of representatives not later than September 1
14 of each calendar year and preserve and make available to the public in the University
15 of Alaska libraries all current and past calendars;

16 (6) make a video recording of each event organized by the Office of
17 Public Policy Events and make the video recordings available to the public

18 (A) online within 10 business days after the event until at least
19 five years have elapsed from the date of the event; and

20 (B) in the University of Alaska libraries permanently;

21 (7) ensure that an event organized by the Office of Public Policy
22 Events is open to all University of Alaska students, faculty and staff, and the general
23 public, except that the office may, if necessary, restrict the attendance of a person who
24 is not affiliated with the university.

25 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the University of Alaska may assign
26 the duties of an Office of Public Policy Events to an existing administrative office on
27 each campus if the university designates an administrator in that office as the director
28 of public policy events for that campus. The director of public policy events shall
29 perform the duties described in (a) of this section.

30 (c) In this section, "campus" means a portion of the University of Alaska
31 designated as a campus by the Board of Regents.