

HOUSE BILL NO. 26

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act renaming the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council as**
2 **the Council for Alaska Native Languages; and relating to the Council for Alaska Native**
3 **Languages."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 44.33.520(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) The **Council for Alaska Native Languages** [ALASKA NATIVE
7 LANGUAGE PRESERVATION AND ADVISORY COUNCIL] is established in the
8 department for the purpose of recommending the establishment or reorganization of
9 programs to support the preservation, restoration, and revitalization of Alaska Native
10 languages.

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 44.33.520(c) is amended to read:

12 (c) The governor shall appoint to the council established in this section **seven**
13 [FIVE] voting members who are professional language experts and who represent
14 diverse regions of the state. In addition, one member of the senate appointed by the

1 president of the senate and one member of the house of representatives appointed by
2 the speaker of the house of representatives shall serve on the council as nonvoting
3 members. In appointing the nonvoting members of the council, the president of the
4 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint a member of the
5 bush caucus, if a bush caucus exists. In this subsection, "bush caucus" means a group
6 of legislators that represents rural areas of the state.

7 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
8 read:

9 TRANSITION. As soon as practicable after the effective date of sec. 2 of this Act, the
10 governor shall appoint to the Council for Alaska Native Languages the two additional voting
11 members created by sec. 2 of this Act.