

SENATE BILL NO. 261

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/22/34

Referred: Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act establishing the museum construction and major expansion matching grant
2 program."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.57 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Article 4. Museum Construction and Expansion Grants.**

6 **Sec. 14.57.300. Museum construction and major expansion grant**
7 **program.** (a) A matching grant program for museum construction and major
8 expansion is established in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic
9 Development. A grant may be awarded to a museum for construction of a new facility
10 or a major expansion project to

11 (1) increase the square footage of an existing facility by at least 30
12 percent;

13 (2) add storage space for artifacts in an existing museum facility;

14 (3) acquire new artifacts;

- 1 (4) expand the services or programs offered by the museum;
- 2 (5) improve or renovate the existing infrastructure of a museum facility
- 3 to extend the life of the facility; or
- 4 (6) build, purchase, or lease additional space to store artifacts or
- 5 construct exhibits that is not connected to the original museum facility.
- 6 (b) A person in charge of construction or major expansion of an eligible
- 7 museum may apply to the department for a matching grant under regulations adopted
- 8 by the department.
- 9 (c) Subject to appropriation, the department shall award not more than 50
- 10 percent of the total proposed grant project costs to an eligible applicant.
- 11 (d) To be eligible for a grant under this section, an applicant must provide
- 12 matching funds from
- 13 (1) the local government entity in an amount that is at least 20 percent
- 14 of the total proposed grant project costs; and
- 15 (2) private donors in an amount that is equal to or greater than the
- 16 remaining total of the proposed grant project costs after the state and local
- 17 contributions are made toward the project.
- 18 (e) The department shall establish regulations to implement this section.
- 19 (f) In this section,
- 20 (1) "department" means the Department of Commerce, Community,
- 21 and Economic Development;
- 22 (2) "museum" has the meaning given in AS 14.57.290.