



AMENDMENT #1

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE  
TO: CSHB 278(STA)

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRAY

1 Page 1, line 1, following "Commission;": *(title amendment)*

2 Insert "establishing the Alaska-Estonia Trade Commission;"

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4 Page 1, line 4:

5 Delete "a new section"

6 Insert "new sections"

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8 Page 1, line 5:

9 Delete "Alaska-Ireland Trade Commission"

10 Insert "Trade Commissions"

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12 Page 3, following line 16:

13 Insert a new section to read:

14 "Sec. 44.33.445. Alaska-Estonia Trade Commission. (a) The Alaska-Estonia  
15 Trade Commission is established in the department.

16 (b) The commission consists of five members appointed by the governor. The  
17 members of the commission serve staggered three-year terms at the pleasure of the  
18 governor.

19 (c) The purpose of the commission is to

20 (1) advance bilateral trade and investment between the state and  
21 Estonia;

22 (2) initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to the state  
23 and Estonia;

1 (3) promote business, entrepreneurship, new venture development, and  
2 academic exchanges between the state and Estonia;

3 (4) promote research collaborations and funding opportunities that  
4 advance the mutual interests of the state and Estonia;

5 (5) encourage mutual economic support between the state and Estonia;

6 (6) encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of the state and  
7 Estonia; and

8 (7) address other issues as determined by the commission.

9 (d) The commission shall elect a chair from among its members. A majority of  
10 the members of the commission constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

11 (e) Except for meetings held outside of the state that the commission  
12 determines should be conducted in person, the commission shall meet by electronic  
13 means. The commission shall provide public notice of a meeting at least seven days  
14 before the meeting.

15 (f) If the department obtains the information required under (h)(1) of this  
16 section and provides a copy of that information to the commission, the department  
17 may accept a grant, donation, or gift from a public or private source to pay for

18 (1) per diem and travel expenses of the commission; or

19 (2) other assistance and support the commission requires to carry out  
20 the purposes of this section.

21 (g) Except as permitted under (f)(1) of this section, members of the  
22 commission serve without compensation and are not entitled to per diem and travel  
23 expenses authorized by law under AS 39.20.180.

24 (h) By the 30th day of each regular legislative session, the commission shall  
25 prepare a report, deliver the report to the governor, senate secretary, and chief clerk of  
26 the house of representatives, and notify the legislature that the report is available. The  
27 report must include

28 (1) information on the grants, donations, and gifts accepted under (f) of  
29 this section in the previous year, including

30 (A) the date and amount or value of each grant, donation, and  
31 gift;

1 (B) the total amount or value of all grants, donations, and gifts;

2 (C) the name and address of each person who made a grant,  
3 donation, or gift, and the dates and total amount or value of the grants,  
4 donations, or gifts; and

5 (D) for grants, donations, or gifts in excess of \$50 in the  
6 aggregate during the previous year, the principal occupation and employer of  
7 the person who made the grant, donation, or gift; and

8 (2) the commission's findings, results, and recommendations.

9 (i) The commission may not contract for writing services or support to prepare  
10 the report required under (h) of this section unless a grant, donation, or gift is made for  
11 that purpose under (f) of this section. The department may not provide staff to the  
12 commission to provide writing services or support to prepare the report required under  
13 (h) of this section.

14 (j) In this section, "department" means the Department of Commerce,  
15 Community, and Economic Development."

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17 Page 3, line 19, following "TERMS.":

18 Insert "(a)"

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20 Page 3, following line 25:

21 Insert a new subsection to read:

22 "(b) Notwithstanding AS 44.33.445(b), enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, the members of  
23 the Alaska-Estonia Trade Commission appointed under AS 44.33.445(b), enacted by sec. 1 of  
24 this Act, are appointed to initial terms as follows:

25 (1) one member shall serve a one-year term;

26 (2) two members shall serve two-year terms; and

27 (3) two members shall serve three-year terms."