

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 110(EDC)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/23/26

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing the museum construction, expansion, and major renovation**
2 **matching grant program; and providing for an effective date."**

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, Expansion, and Major Renovation Grants.**

6 **Sec. 14.57.300. Museum construction, expansion, and major renovation**
7 **matching grant program.** (a) A matching grant program for museum construction,
8 expansion, and major renovation is established in the Department of Education and
9 Early Development. A grant may be awarded to a museum

10 (1) for construction of a new facility;

11 (2) to increase the square footage of an existing facility by at least 10
12 percent;

13 (3) to physically upgrade an existing facility in a way that allows the
14 museum to better preserve and present artifacts to the public; or

1 (4) to improve a space in an existing facility to allow a museum to
2 improve the educational services provided to the public.

3 (b) A person in charge of construction, expansion, or renovation of an eligible
4 museum may apply to the department for a matching grant under regulations adopted
5 by the department.

6 (c) To be eligible for a grant under this section, an applicant must

7 (1) apply on a form provided by the department;

8 (2) be located in the state; and

9 (3) provide matching funds from other sources in an amount equal to at
10 least 50 percent of the total proposed grant project costs.

11 (d) Subject to appropriation, the department shall award not more than 50
12 percent of the total proposed grant project costs to an eligible applicant.

13 (e) The department shall establish regulations to implement this section.

14 (f) In this section, "museum" has the meaning given in AS 14.57.290.

15 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).