

**HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 156(FSH)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES**

**Offered: 5/19/25**

**Referred: Today's Calendar**

**Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE  
EVALUATING ALASKA'S SEAFOOD INDUSTRY**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic**  
2 **Development; relating to the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank;**  
3 **relating to certain loans made by the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank;**  
4 **relating to certain commercial fishing loans; and providing for an effective date."**

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

6 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
7 to read:

8 ALASKA COMMERCIAL FISHING AND AGRICULTURE BANK; LOANS. (a)  
9 Subject to legislative appropriation, the Department of Commerce, Community, and  
10 Economic Development shall purchase nonvoting, preferred shares issued by the Alaska  
11 Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank established under AS 44.81.010 for the purpose of  
12 enabling the bank to make loans to persons involved in the state's commercial fishing industry  
13 under AS 44.81.215. Except as provided in (d) of this section, the bank shall repurchase  
14 shares the department purchased under this section 20 years after the purchase. If the bank

1 fails to repurchase the shares 20 years after the purchase by the department, the commissioner  
 2 of commerce, community, and economic development may appoint a receiver to direct,  
 3 manage, and operate the bank until the shares have been repurchased. Upon voluntary or  
 4 involuntary liquidation of the bank, and upon repayment of all legal debts and obligations of  
 5 the bank, all nonvoting, preferred shares owned by the department have priority for  
 6 redemption over all other forms and amounts of ownership of the bank.

7 (b) The Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank may not originate or  
 8 refinance a loan under this section unless the loan is secured, or secured in part, by a limited  
 9 entry permit issued under AS 16.43 that has been pledged by the holder as collateral. A loan  
 10 made by the bank using funds provided by the Department of Commerce, Community, and  
 11 Economic Development's purchase of shares under this section

12 (1) shall have a fixed term of 15 years;

13 (2) shall have a fixed interest rate;

14 (3) may not bear interest

15 (A) exceeding the prime rate, as defined in AS 44.88.599, plus  
 16 two percentage points; or

17 (B) at a rate of more than 5.25 percent a year.

18 (c) On the effective date of sec. 4, ch. 25, SLA 2024, the Alaska Commercial Fishing  
 19 and Agriculture Bank shall provide the division within the Department of Commerce,  
 20 Community, and Economic Development that is responsible for banking and securities a list  
 21 of each loan originated or refinanced under (b) of this section, with confidential borrower  
 22 information redacted. The list must include, for each loan,

23 (1) the loan number, principal balance, interest rate, and loan term;

24 (2) a copy of the loan agreement;

25 (3) an amortization schedule, including the comparison made under (4) of this  
 26 subsection;

27 (4) a comparison of

28 (A) the loan's baseline interest earnings, calculated as the projection of  
 29 the refinanced or originated loan's interest using the principal and the interest rate in  
 30 effect for the loan before it was refinanced, or the interest rate and term that the loan  
 31 would have had if the loan had not been made by the Alaska Commercial Fishing and

1 Agriculture Bank under (b) of this section, amortized over a 15-year term assuming  
2 timely loan payments; and

3 (B) the loan's post-refinance or post-origination interest earnings,  
4 calculated as the loan's projected interest earnings using the loan's principal, the loan's  
5 actual interest rate as originated or refinanced under (b) of this section, and a 15-year  
6 term assuming timely loan repayments; and

7 (5) any other information that the division may need to complete the review.

8 (d) Within 120 days after the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank  
9 provides the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development the list  
10 required under (c) of this section, the department shall conduct a one-time review of the listed  
11 information. If the department determines that the difference in projected interest earnings for  
12 all loans originated or refinanced under (b) of this section for the Alaska Commercial Fishing  
13 and Agriculture Bank, as calculated under (c) of this section, is less than the par value of the  
14 shares purchased by the department under (a) of this section, the department shall request that  
15 the bank repay the difference to the department by buying back the requisite quantity of  
16 shares.

17 (e) If the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development  
18 requests that the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank buy back the shares under  
19 (d) of this section, the bank shall buy back the shares within 30 days.

20 (f) Subject to appropriation, the department shall purchase shares issued by the  
21 Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank under (a) of this section using an amount  
22 equal to the amount that was in the former Alaska capstone avionics revolving loan fund  
23 (former AS 44.33.650 - 44.33.690) and was unobligated on July 1, 2020.

24 \* **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this Act is repealed January 1, 2027.

25 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).