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2 FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO, 146

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the development of state  
7 parks and recreational facilities; specifying  
8 certain functions relating thereto; and pro-  
9 viding for the establishment of a division  
10 in the Department of Natural Resources to  
11 administer such functions."

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

13 Section 1. The legislature hereby declares its purpose in  
14 this Act to foster the growth and development of a system of parks  
15 and of recreational facilities and opportunities in the State of  
16 Alaska, for the general health, welfare, education, and enjoyment  
17 of its citizens and for the attraction of visitors to Alaska from  
18 other states and nations.

19 Sec. 2. The Department of Natural Resources is hereby  
20 authorized and directed, in addition to its functions as otherwise  
21 provided by law, to perform the following powers and duties:

22 (1) To develop a continuing plan for the conservation  
23 and maximum use in the public interest of the scenic, historic,  
24 archaeological, scientific, biological, and recreational resources  
25 of the state;

26 (2) To plan for and develop a system of state parks  
27 and recreational facilities, to be established as the legislature  
28 may authorize and direct;

29 (3) To acquire by gift, purchase, or transfer from

1 state or federal agencies, or from individuals, corporations,  
2 partnerships or associations, such land as may be necessary,  
3 suitable and proper for roadside, picnic, recreational or park  
4 purposes;

5 (4) To control, develop and maintain all state parks  
6 and recreational areas;

7 (5) To provide for the acquisition, care, control,  
8 supervision, improvement, development, extension and maintenance  
9 of public recreational lands, and to make all necessary arrange-  
10 ments, contracts or commitments for the improvement and develop-  
11 ment of lands acquired under the provisions of this Act;

12 (6) To establish, in accordance with the Administrative  
13 Procedures Act, rules and regulations governing the use of state  
14 park and recreational areas to protect said property and to pre-  
15 serve the peace therein;

16 (7) To cooperate with the United States and its  
17 agencies and all local subdivisions of the state to secure the  
18 effective supervision, improvement, development, extension, and  
19 maintenance of state parks, state monuments, state historical  
20 areas, and state recreational areas, and to secure agreements or  
21 contracts for the purpose of this Act;

22 (8) To encourage the organization of state public  
23 park and recreational activities in the local political sub-  
24 divisions of the state; provided, however, that nothing in this  
25 subsection shall give the department power of direct supervision  
26 over public parks maintained by such subdivisions.

27 (9) To provide for consulting service designed to  
28 develop local park and recreation facilities and programs;

29 (10) To provide clearing-house services for other

1 state agencies concerned with park and recreation matters; and

2 (11) To perform such other duties as may be prescribed  
3 by executive order or by law.

4 Sec. 3. All monies received from the operation of parks and  
5 recreational facilities, as from concessions, rentals, donations  
6 or otherwise, shall be deposited in the general funds of the state.

7 Sec. 4. The Commissioner of Natural Resources is authorized  
8 to establish within the Department of Natural Resources, in  
9 conformance with the provisions of the State Organization Act of  
10 1959, a separate division to perform the functions relative to  
11 parks and recreational facilities specified in this Act and such  
12 related or additional functions as may be otherwise assigned to  
13 the department of law.

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