

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 155

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing an appropriation for the
7 purpose of acquiring, constructing, equipping,
8 operating and supervising a mobile forestry
9 camp for juvenile boys; and providing for
10 an effective date."

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

12 Section 1. FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF PURPOSE. The legis-
13 lature finds as follows:

14 (1) Due to the lack of juvenile correctional facilities
15 in the state of Alaska, the juveniles requiring guidance and
16 training are presently placed in private and governmental agencies
17 in other states;

18 (2) Such method of placement has serious disadvantages
19 to the individual as well as the state in that he is isolated from
20 family and friends and receives vocational training unrelated to
21 the economy and life of Alaska;

22 (3) Limitation in the correctional facilities of other
23 states prohibit the placement of many youths who require institu-
24 tional care, thus returning them to society unprepared to lead a
25 fruitful life;

26 (4) The construction, maintenance and operation of a
27 mobile forestry camp for juvenile boys would provide youths in
28 need of guidance and institutional care the opportunity for train-
29 ing in forestry enterprises, supplemented by formal education and

1 youth counseling and at the same time greatly benefit the state of
2 Alaska and its citizens by rendering fire suppression activities,
3 preparing and policing recreation areas.

4 Recognizing the valuable contribution which a mobile forestry
5 camp can make to the vocational training, education and correction
6 of juvenile boys and taking cognizance of the contribution the
7 youths can render to the state of Alaska and its citizens, it is
8 the purpose of this Act to make provision for adequate facilities
9 for the counseling, vocational training and education of juveniles
10 by means of an appropriation for the acquisition and construction
11 of a mobile forestry camp.

12 Sec. 2. AUTHORIZATION. The Department of Health and
13 Welfare is hereby authorized to acquire, construct, operate and
14 supervise a mobile forestry camp for juvenile boys out of funds
15 hereafter appropriated.

16 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act shall take effect immedi-
17 ately upon its passage and approval or upon its becoming law
18 without such approval.

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20 Passed by the House March 14, 1959

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