

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 63

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act to establish within the Department
7 of Natural Resources a Resource Development
8 Division; repealing Ch. 180, SLA 1955, as
9 amended by Ch. 152, SLA 1957, Ch. 107, SLA
10 1951, as amended by Ch. 127, SLA 1953, as
11 amended by Ch. 82 and Ch. 168, SLA 1955, as
12 amended by Ch. 91, SLA 1957; and providing
13 for an effective date."

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

15 Section 1. FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF PURPOSE. The
16 legislature hereby finds that the promotion of the tourist industry
17 in Alaska through public support of the Alaska Visitors Association,
18 a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Alaska has
19 been most successful but that the advent of statehood requires
20 that public funds for this area of such great economic concern
21 to the state be expended by a public agency under the direct con-
22 trol of the executive branch of government; that the development
23 of a tourist industry can best be furthered by the activities of
24 a public agency charged with the development of all the industries
25 and resources of the state; and that the responsibility of so
26 fostering the development of Alaska resources, natural and indus-
27 trial, should be vested in a single division of the executive
28 branch of the government.

29 It is hereby declared to be the intent and purpose of this

1 Act to combine all activities of the state in the promotion of
2 the development of Alaska's natural and other resources in one
3 executive division of the government, and thereby to concentrate
4 state financial support of such development in a single institution.

5 Sec. 2. CREATION OF RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. There
6 is within the Department of Natural Resources the Resources Devel-
7 opment Division, to be headed by the Director of the Resources
8 Development Division, appointed by the Commissioner of Natural
9 Resources. The director may employ such professional, clerical
10 and other personnel to assist him in the performance of his duties
11 by the Commissioner of Natural Resources.

12 Sec. 3. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE DIRECTOR. The director shall
13 be chosen on the basis of demonstrated administrative ability;
14 professional training and experience, preferably in the fields of
15 economics or natural resources; and knowledge of Alaska's natural
16 resources including tourist facilities and the problems incident
17 to their management and development.

18 Sec. 4. DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR. The director shall be
19 responsible for the execution of the program and purposes of this
20 Act. He shall direct, supervise and manage the work of the divi-
21 sion, keep a complete record of every financial transaction, remit
22 to the Treasurer all monies received on behalf of the division,
23 and certify vouchers for disbursements necessary to carry out the
24 provisions of this Act.

25 Sec. 5. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR. The director
26 shall have the following general powers and duties:

27 (1) To formulate a continuing program for basic economic
28 development, and for necessary promotion and research, which will
29 advance the purposes of this Act, and to issue annual public reports

1 on the status of the program;

2 (2) To review annual reports which the Fish and Game
3 Department, the Natural Resources Department and the Highway and
4 Public Works Department may be otherwise required by law to prepare
5 for submission to the legislature and the governor, and to prepare
6 independently a consolidated and integrated report, appropriately
7 indexed and organized, related to the long-range resource develop-
8 ment program, which report shall be submitted to the Governor and
9 to the legislature annually.

10 (3) To advise and assist in the preparation of inte-
11 grated appropriation estimates of the departments listed in sub-
12 section (2) above to achieve a balanced program for the develop-
13 ment of the state as a whole;

14 (4) To facilitate inter-agency cooperation, coordination,
15 and efficiency, in the execution of development programs and in
16 the conduct of economic research, statistical services, and the
17 dissemination of information;

18 (5) To serve as a focal point for the state government
19 in participating and cooperating with political subdivisions and
20 other public and private groups or individuals on matters and
21 undertakings related to the broad purposes of this Act;

22 (6) To make inquiries, investigations, and surveys con-
23 cerning the resources of the state and their development possi-
24 bilities, and to assemble, analyze, evaluate, and disseminate the
25 data and findings obtained;

26 (7) To serve as a clearing house and service agency for
27 the state government in the gathering, compiling, analyzing, and
28 disseminating of economic and statistical data, and to foster the
29 development of standard definitions, classifications and procedure

1 for statistical information where appropriate and desirable;

2 (8) To call upon the University of Alaska and other
3 appropriate institutions of higher learning or private institutions
4 or persons for cooperation in research and investigations conducted
5 by him, and to provide reasonable compensation for such work;

6 (9) To enter into such contracts, undertakings, memoranda
7 and cooperative agreements, as may facilitate the administration of
8 the division and promote the policy and purpose of this Act;

9 (10) To apply for and accept from the federal govern-
10 ment, its agencies, or other public or private sources, gifts,
11 grants, or other aids made available for the purposes of this Act,
12 which gifts, grants, or other aids received may be used subject to
13 any reasonable limitations imposed by the grantors;

14 (11) To make continuing study of federal and state laws
15 and activities which relate to state economic development, and to
16 recommend suitable legislation or other action to the legislature,
17 the Congress of the United States, or the responsible state or
18 federal executive departments or agencies to accomplish the pur-
19 poses of this Act;

20 (12) To assist local governmental units in planning
21 and development programs;

22 (13) To enter into authorized inter-state compacts;

23 (14) To expend funds for the purpose of promoting and
24 publicizing the state's tourist attractions, including but not
25 limited to display advertising space in magazines and newspapers
26 of Alaska, the United States, or Canada, the printing of pamphlets,
27 booklets, folders and other graphic and pictorial publicity
28 material, designing and production costs in the preparation of such
29 advertising and material; other supplies and materials needed to

1 answer inquiries concerning Alaska and its attractions; designing
2 and production costs of travel show materials and displays;
3 distribution costs of such pamphlets, booklets, folders, other
4 graphic and pictorial publicity, literature, travel show materials
5 and displays; surveys relating to advertising media effectiveness
6 and to tourism, for the purpose of promoting and developing the
7 Alaska tourist industry and advertising and publicizing Alaska's
8 tourist attractions;

9 (15) To make rules and regulations to carry out the
10 purposes of this Act;

11 (16) To keep records of all contracts, documents, rules,
12 regulations, orders, and official acts of his division;

13 (17) To do all other acts and things necessary or
14 proper to carry out the purposes of this Act.

15 Sec. 6. REPEAL AND TRANSFER OF PROPERTY. Ch. 180, SLA 1955,
16 as amended by Ch. 152, SLA 1957, and Ch. 107, SLA 1951, as amended
17 by Ch. 127, SLA 1953, as amended by Ch. 82, and Ch. 168, SLA
18 1955, as amended by Ch. 91, SLA 1957, are hereby repealed. All
19 records, equipment, and other property of the Resource Develop-
20 ment Board, as it existed under the provisions of law repealed
21 herein, are hereby transferred to the Resources Development Divi-
22 sion.

23 Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act shall take effect July 1,
24 1959.