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IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 226

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the creation and powers  
of a State Board of Mineral Research."

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

Section 1. It is the purpose of this Act to create a board  
which will supervise the expenditure of a portion of the income  
of the state derived from minerals into worthy research projects  
which may help increase production, create new industry, add to  
employment, and thereby increase the revenues of the state and  
the standard of living of its citizens.

Sec. 2. There is hereby created a State Board of Mineral  
Research consisting of seven members appointed by the governor  
for overlapping five-year terms. The director of the division  
of mines, Department of Natural Resources, and the dean of the  
School of Mines of the University of Alaska shall serve as ex  
officio members of the board. One member shall be chosen from  
the petroleum industry as recommended by the members of that in-  
dustry on the basis of his high qualifications in petroleum  
research. One member shall be an outstanding businessman of the  
state chosen for his special interest in the development of the  
state's mineral production and without regard to political affili-  
ation. Two members shall be chosen from nationally recognized  
research foundations. One member shall be chosen from the mining  
industry with due regard to his wide experience in Alaska mining  
operations. The governor shall fill vacancies on the board by

1 appointment for unexpired terms. Members shall receive no com-  
2 pensation except for the standard per diem and transportation  
3 allowances provided for members of boards and commissions in per-  
4 forming their duties as members of the board.

5 Sec. 3. The board shall meet twice each year at the Univer-  
6 sity of Alaska and at such other times and places it finds  
7 necessary.

8 Sec. 4. The board may designate the University of Alaska as  
9 the administrator for its research projects. The board is  
10 authorized to transfer funds to the University of Alaska for the  
11 accomplishment of research projects. The board shall report  
12 annually to the legislature on the status of its research pro-  
13 jects and account for the expenditure of its funds.

14 Sec. 5. The board is authorized to receive funds for its  
15 operation from the legislature through appropriations included in  
16 the general appropriation bill and such other bills as may be  
17 necessary. The legislature may provide for the financing of  
18 mineral research projects by establishing a separate fund in the  
19 state treasury to which a portion of the income received by the  
20 state from mineral production may be assigned. The board is  
21 authorized to receive gifts and grants from the federal govern-  
22 ment and private foundations and organizations.

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