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1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATORS MCNEALY, HALL and WALSH  
2 SENATE BILL NO. 70  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating an Alaska-Japan Trade  
7 Commission; and providing for an effective  
8 date."

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

10 \* Section 1. PURPOSE. The economic future of Alaska is  
11 based upon its natural resources. The distances and costs of  
12 transportation in commerce with the other states make it impera-  
13 tive that Alaska develop trade in other areas of the world if  
14 early and substantial growth is to be attained. Japan and the  
15 Far East comprise the only existing potential market for the raw  
16 materials of the state and, with the low cost of water transpor-  
17 tation, the import of certain finished products from Japan and  
18 the Far East can create a balance of trade. For the purpose of  
19 stimulating and expanding trade with Japan and the Far East it is  
20 considered necessary that a commission be created.

21 \* Sec. 2. AS 44.45 is amended by adding new sections to read:

22 ARTICLE 7.

23 Sec. 44.45.180. ALASKA-JAPAN TRADE COMMISSION. There  
24 is created an Alaska-Japan Trade Commission in the Depart-  
25 ment of Economic Development and Planning.

26 Sec. 44.45.190. COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF OFFICE. (a)  
27 The commission consists of 11 members who, unless otherwise  
28 provided for in (b) of this section, are appointed by the  
29 governor for overlapping three-year terms.

1 (b) The governor shall appoint to the commission

2 (1) the commissioner of economic development and  
3 planning, who shall serve as its permanent secretary,

4 (2) three members of the legislature, not to ex-  
5 ceed two from any one political party, for terms not to  
6 extend beyond their terms of office,

7 (3) a member of the state Chamber of Commerce,

8 (4) a person affiliated with the mining industry,

9 (5) a person affiliated with the timber industry,

10 (6) a person affiliated with the tourism industry,

11 (7) a person affiliated with banking,

12 (8) a person affiliated with the surface transpor-  
13 tation industry,

14 (9) a person affiliated with the air transporta-  
15 tion industry.

16 Sec. 44.45.200. COMPENSATION, PER DIEM, OR EXPENSES.

17 Members of the commission are not entitled to a salary, per  
18 diem, reimbursement for travel or other expenses.

19 Sec. 44.45.210. ORGANIZATION AND MEETING OF THE  
20 COMMISSION. Within 30 days after the appointment of all  
21 members the commission shall meet at a time and place agreed  
22 upon by a majority of the members through correspondence to  
23 elect from the membership a chairman and such other officers  
24 as they consider necessary, and to establish rules to govern  
25 the commission. Six members constitute a quorum to do busi-  
26 ness.

27 Sec. 44.45.220. DUTIES. The commission shall

28 (1) explore and stimulate the possibility of ex-  
29 panding existing trade with Japan and other nations of the

1 Far East,

2 (2) make an annual report of their findings to  
3 the legislature during the first week of each legislative  
4 session.

5 Sec. 44.45.230. POWERS. The commission may

6 (1) elect subcommittees of any number of members  
7 to collect information and to travel to Japan and other  
8 nations of the Far East to carry out its duties,

9 (2) request the Department of Economic Development  
10 and Planning to furnish the secretarial service and materials  
11 necessary to carry out its duties.

12 Sec. 44.45.240. LIMITATION OF POWERS. The state is  
13 not liable on any contract or other agreement entered into  
14 by the commission or one of its members, nor is the state  
15 responsible for any tort or crime committed by the commis-  
16 sion or one of its members.

17 Sec. 44.45.250. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 190 - 250 of  
18 this chapter "commission" means the Alaska-Japan Trade Com-  
19 mission.

20 \* Sec. 3. INITIAL APPOINTMENTS. Of the seven commission  
21 members described in sec. 190(a)(3) - (9) the Governor shall  
22 appoint two for an initial term of one year, two for an initial  
23 term of two years, and three for an initial term of three years.

24 \* Sec. 4. AS 44.45.020(a) is amended by adding a new clause  
25 to read:

26 (14) furnish to the Alaska-Japan Trade Commission  
27 the secretarial services and materials it may request to  
28 carry out its functions under secs. 180 - 250 of this chapter.

29 \* Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on the day

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after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

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