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QUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 659

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating a transportation systems planning  
7 agency."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 9D. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS PLANNING AGENCY.

11 Sec. 44.19.750. CREATION. There is created in the Office of the  
12 Governor the Transportation Systems Planning Agency.

13 Sec. 44.19.753. PURPOSE. The agency is created to assure the  
14 coordinated, effective administration and review of the transportation  
15 programs and projects of the state and facilitate, by planning and  
16 design, the development of a comprehensive, balanced system of transpor-  
17 tation. Its goal is to provide comprehensive plans and programs for  
18 transportation development which will result in an efficient, inte-  
19 grated, and balanced system of transportation facilities that is  
20 compatible with the surrounding natural environment of the state.

21 Sec. 44.19.756. DIRECTOR. The Transportation Systems Planning  
22 Agency is administered by a director of transportation planning. The  
23 director is appointed by the governor and serves at the pleasure of  
24 the governor.

25 Sec. 44.19.759. DUTIES. The Transportation Systems Planning  
26 Agency shall

- 27 (1) explore, on a statewide basis, existing and future  
28 transportation needs;  
29 (2) evaluate and review existing transportation studies,

1 research materials, recommendations and actions made by state,  
2 federal and local government agencies dealing specifically with  
3 transportation planning;

4 (3) design transportation systems and networks which re-  
5 flect the social and economic goals of the state, with strict adherence  
6 to the requirements of natural resource management and environmental  
7 quality control under existing state law;

8 (4) function as the central coordinating agency of the  
9 state for transportation planning, centralizing the transportation  
10 activities of all state departments and agencies;

11 (5) develop working relationships with representatives of  
12 all industries interested in the transportation planning and develop-  
13 ment of Alaska;

14 (6) promulgate regulations to carry out the purposes of  
15 this section.

16 Sec. 44.19.762. LAND CLASSIFICATION APPROVAL. When a plan for  
17 surface transportation is developed under secs. 750 - 771 of this chap-  
18 ter, adjacent land areas of the route shall be classified and ap-  
19 proved under AS 38.05.300 before the construction of the transportation  
20 facility.

21 Sec. 44.19.765. GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE. The agency may apply for  
22 and receive from the federal government, its agencies, or from other  
23 public or private sources, gifts, grants, or other assistance available  
24 for its purposes. The agency may use a gift, grant, or other assis-  
25 tance subject to reasonable limitations imposed by the grantor.

26 Sec. 44.19.768. PERSONNEL. The director shall employ the  
27 necessary personnel to carry out the purposes of the agency. In  
28 employing members of the agency, the director shall seek experts in  
29 a broad range of pertinent fields, including resource management and

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quality control, rural development, economics, and urban affairs.  
The agency may retain and employ consultants and assistants on a  
contract basis for rendering legal, financial, professional, technical  
or other assistance or advice.

Sec. 44.19.771. ANNUAL REPORT. The agency shall present an  
annual progress report to the legislature within 20 days following  
the convening of each annual session.