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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 100

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Commission for Ocean Advancement
7 through Science and Technology; and providing for an
8 effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. It is declared to be the policy of the state to develop,
11 encourage, and maintain a comprehensive, coordinated state plan for the
12 orderly, long-range conservation and development of marine and coastal
13 resources which will ensure their wise multiple use in the total public
14 interest. The conservation and development of marine and coastal resources
15 should be developed so as to contribute to the following objectives:

16 (1) accelerated and responsible development of the resources of
17 the marine and coastal environment for the benefit of the people of Alaska
18 by the increased utilization of mineral, food, and other living resources
19 of the sea, the improvement of commerce and transportation, and the wise use
20 of coastal, tide and submerged lands;

21 (2) expansion of human knowledge of the marine environment;

22 (3) encouragement of investment by private enterprise in the
23 exploration, technological development, marine commerce and economic utili-
24 zation of the resources of the marine environment;

25 (4) improvement of the role of the state as a leader in the
26 marine sciences and the development of ocean resources;

27 (5) advancement of education, research, and training in marine
28 sciences and engineering;

29 (6) development and improvement of the capabilities, performance

1 use, and efficiency of vehicles, equipment and instruments for use in ex-
2 ploration, research, surveys, the recovery of resources, and the transmission
3 of energy in the marine environment;

4 (7) effective utilization of the scientific and engineering
5 resources of the state, with close cooperation among all interested agencies,
6 public and private, in order to avoid unnecessary waste or duplication of
7 effort, facilities and equipment;

8 (8) cooperation by the state with other states, the federal
9 government, other nations, and groups of nations and national and internation-
10 al organizations in marine science activities when cooperation is in the
11 interest of the state.

12 * Sec. 2. AS 46 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

13 CHAPTER 26. COMMISSION FOR OCEAN ADVANCEMENT
14 THROUGH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

15 Sec. 46.26.010. CREATION OF COMMISSION. There is created in the
16 Office of the Governor the Commission for Ocean Advancement through
17 Science and Technology to serve until July 1, 1973.

18 Sec. 46.26.020. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this chapter to
19 develop, encourage and maintain a comprehensive coordinated state plan
20 for the orderly, long-range conservation and development of marine and
21 coastal resources which will ensure their wise multiple use in the total
22 public interest.

23 Sec. 46.26.030. COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT. (a) The governor
24 shall appoint five persons from the state and five persons from outside
25 the state to serve on the commission. In appointing members of the
26 commission, the governor shall give due consideration to representation
27 on the commission from groups interested and qualified in the research,
28 development and orderly conservation of marine resources.

29 (b) The commissioners of natural resources, fish and game,

1 economic development and health and welfare shall serve as nonvoting
2 ex officio members.

3 (c) Legislators are eligible for appointment to this commission.

4 Sec. 46.26.040. COMPENSATION AND PER DIEM. Members of the com-
5 mission serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem and
6 travel expenses authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

7 Sec. 46.26.050. CHAIRMAN AND QUORUM. The governor shall desig-
8 nate a chairman and a vice chairman of the commission. Six members
9 constitute a quorum.

10 Sec. 46.26.060. PERSONNEL. The commission may employ consultants
11 and sufficient personnel to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

12 Sec. 46.26.070. MEETINGS. The commission shall meet at such times
13 and places it considers necessary.

14 Sec. 46.26.080. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION. The commission may

15 (1) secure from a department, agency, or independent instru-
16 mentality of the state information necessary to carry out its duties
17 as provided in sec. 90 of this chapter;

18 (2) enter into contracts and agreements with state agencies,
19 the federal government, private consultants and research organizations
20 to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

21 (3) receive and expend grants and other financial assistance
22 offered by private or governmental sources;

23 (4) adopt regulations to implement, and do all other things
24 necessary to carry out the purpose, of this chapter.

25 Sec. 46.26.090. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. The commission shall
26 undertake a comprehensive investigation and study of all aspects of
27 the marine sciences and the marine and coastal environment in and
28 proximate to the state, including but not limited to

29 (1) a review of the known and estimated future needs for

1 natural resources from the marine and coastal environment necessary to
2 maintain an expanding state economy within the bounds of sound en-
3 vironmental standards;

4 (2) a survey of all significant existing and planned marine
5 science activities in the state, including the research, educational,
6 developmental, and administrative policies, programs, and accomplish-
7 ments of the departments and agencies of the state which are engaged
8 in marine science activities;

9 (3) a determination of what the state policies, programs
10 and laws should be regarding

11 (A) land use in the coastal zone;

12 (B) the administration of tide and submerged lands;

13 (C) the conservation and utilization of the mineral and
14 living resources of the marine environment;

15 (D) recreation;

16 (E) waste management, water quality, and pollution
17 control;

18 (F) water and power development, including the use of
19 nuclear energy;

20 (G) transportation and trade in the coastal zone and
21 on the high seas;

22 (H) engineering and technology in the coastal and deep
23 ocean environments;

24 (I) research and education in the field of oceanic
25 development;

26 (J) weather, climate, oceanographic conditions and the
27 establishment of monitoring systems;

28 (K) all other social, economic, and legal matters rela-
29 tive to the conservation and utilization of ocean resources;

1 (4) a determination of the surveys, applied research programs
2 and ocean engineering projects required to obtain the needed natural re-
3 sources from the marine and coastal environment.

4 Sec. 46.26.100. REPORTS. (a) The commission shall make an annual
5 report to the legislature and governor within five days after the con-
6 vening of each annual session of the legislature. The report shall
7 include a comprehensive description of the activities and accomplish-
8 ments of federal, state, local and private organizations in the con-
9 servation, development and utilization of marine and coastal resources
10 during the preceding fiscal year, and an evaluation of the activities
11 and accomplishments in terms of the continuing objectives set out in
12 this chapter.

13 (b) The reports required under (a) of this section shall contain
14 the recommendations for legislative and administrative action as the
15 commission considers necessary and desirable to achieve the continuing
16 objectives of this chapter, and shall contain an estimate of the funding
17 requirements of the state departments and agencies for activities in
18 the conservation, development and utilization of marine and coastal
19 resources during the next fiscal year. Recommended legislative action
20 shall be submitted in draft form to the resources committees with the
21 report.

22 (c) The commission may make other reports to the governor and
23 legislature as it considers necessary and render a final report to the
24 legislature and governor on or before July 1, 1973.

25 * Sec. 3. AS 46.25 is repealed.

26 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1969 and terminates July 1,
27 1973.