

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 8

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a plant materials center in the
7 Matanuska Valley; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 03 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 65. PLANT MATERIALS CENTER.

11 Sec. 03.65.010. ESTABLISHMENT OF PLANT MATERIALS CENTER. The
12 Department of Natural Resources, in cooperation with the University
13 of Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station, shall establish and
14 maintain a plant materials center in the Matanuska Valley.

15 Sec. 03.65.020. PURPOSE OF CENTER. (a) The objectives of the
16 plant materials center, in cooperation with the University of Alaska
17 Agricultural Experiment Station, are to

18 (1) assemble, evaluate, select and increase plant materials
19 needed in soil and water conservation, agriculture and industry, and
20 maintain genetic purity of these materials;

21 (2) increase promising plant materials for field scale
22 testing;

23 (3) test the promising materials in field plantings on
24 sites that represent soil and climatic conditions not found at the
25 center;

26 (4) maintain and provide for increase of basic seed stocks
27 of plant materials for agricultural and conservation interests;

28 (5) make seed and plant materials available (for a fee if
29 necessary) in such a manner as to avoid monopolistic control of basic

1 stocks of these materials and encourage the development of a seed
2 industry;

3 (6) support but not duplicate activities carried on by state
4 or federally funded research programs in the state;

5 (7) prepare, publish and disseminate a summary report on all
6 studies as they are completed.

7 Sec. 03.65.030. CENTER SITE, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT. The
8 department shall obtain a site, either by donation, lease, or purchase,
9 and erect suitable buildings on the site, if they are needed for the
10 use of the plant materials center. The department shall also acquire
11 the agricultural land, scientific instruments and equipment necessary
12 to carry on the work of the center.

13 Sec. 03.65.040. PERSONNEL. The department shall ensure that
14 competent professional, secretarial, and sub-professional personnel
15 necessary to carry on the work of the center are employed. The
16 administrator of the plant materials center is a joint appointment
17 between the Department of Natural Resources and the University of
18 Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station.

19 Sec. 03.65.050. DEPARTMENT TO COOPERATE. The department shall
20 cooperate with the University of Alaska Agricultural Experiment
21 Station and the United States Soil Conservation Service by a formal
22 memorandum of understanding and may cooperate with any department or
23 agency of federal, state or local government, research organization,
24 or other organization concerned with conservation or agriculture.

25 Sec. 03.65.060. REPORTS TO LEGISLATURE. The department shall
26 make a detailed report of the operation of the center to the legisla-
27 ture annually. The report shall include a statement of all receipts
28 and disbursements.

29 Sec. 03.65.070. ACCEPTANCE OF ASSISTANCE. The department may

1 request, accept and receive from federal, state and nongovernment
2 sources financial and other aid and assistance, including personnel
3 and equipment, for the construction, equipment, maintenance and
4 operation of the center.

5 Sec. 03.65.080. PAYMENTS AND VOUCHERS. Appropriations made by
6 the state for the construction, maintenance and operation of the
7 center shall be expended upon vouchers approved by the department in
8 the manner prescribed by it.

9 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and
10 approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.

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