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IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 8

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a plant materials center; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

CHAPTER 65. PLANT MATERIALS CENTER.

Sec. 03.65.010. ESTABLISHMENT OF PLANT MATERIALS CENTER. The Department of Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Institute of Agricultural Sciences, shall establish and maintain a plant materials center.

Sec. 03.65.020. PURPOSE OF CENTER. The objectives of the plant materials center, in cooperation with the Institute of Agricultural Sciences, are to

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 03.65.050. DEPARTMENT TO COOPERATE. The department shall cooperate with the Institute of Agricultural Sciences and the United States Soil Conservation service by a formal memorandum of understanding and may cooperate with any department or agency of federal, state or local government, research organization, or other organization concerned with conservation or agriculture.

Sec. 03.65.060. REPORTS TO LEGISLATURE. The department shall make a detailed report of the operation of the center to the legislature annually. The report shall include a statement of all receipts and disbursements.

Sec. 03.65.070. ACCEPTANCE OF ASSISTANCE. The department may

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

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

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