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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 350

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Mining Development Commission."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 27 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

9 CHAPTER 3. MINING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

10 Sec. 27.03.010. CREATION OF COMMISSION. There is created in the
11 Office of the Governor the Mining Development Commission.

12 Sec. 27.03.020. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this chapter to
13 establish an entity to facilitate the development of mining in the
14 state by reviewing appropriate mining laws, providing aid and informa-
15 tion to persons engaged in the exploration and extraction of minerals,
16 and encouraging the orderly economic development of communities near
17 mining activity.

18 Sec. 27.03.030. COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT. (a) The governor
19 shall appoint five persons from the state to serve on the commission.
20 The governor shall designate a chairman and vice chairman. Three
21 members constitute a quorum.

22 (b) The commissioners of natural resources and economic develop-
23 ment shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members.

24 Sec. 27.03.040. COMPENSATION AND PER DIEM. Members of the com-
25 mission receive no salary for their service on the commission but are
26 entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for boards
27 and commissions.

28 Sec. 27.03.050. MEETINGS. The commission shall meet at the times
29 and places it considers necessary.

1 Sec. 27.03.060. POWERS OF COMMISSION. The commission may

2 (1) obtain from a department, agency, or independent instru-
3 mentality of the state information necessary to carry out its duties as
4 provided in sec. 70 of this chapter;

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

8 (3) receive and expend grants and other financial assistance
9 offered by private or governmental sources.

10 Sec. 27.03.070. DUTIES OF COMMISSION. The commission shall

11 (1) undertake a comprehensive review of state and federal
12 mining laws, with the purpose of recommending changes consistent with
13 present anticipated mining conditions in the state;

14 (2) estimate and report on the future state needs for mineral
15 resources necessary to maintain and expand the state economy within the
16 limits of sound environmental standards;

17 (3) survey existing mineral development in the state and its
18 economic impact on the surrounding communities with the view toward en-
19 hancing beneficial community development as a result of mining;

20 (4) co-ordinate mining information, including the location of
21 valuable mineral deposits, available from state and federal sources, for
22 dissemination to miners and prospectors of the state;

23 (5) serve as a forum for the exchange of views, ideas, in-
24 formation and recommendations relating to mineral development problems
25 in the state.

26 Sec. 27.03.080. REPORTS. The commission shall make an
27 annual report to the legislature within five days after the convening
28 of each annual session. The report shall describe the activities of the
29 commission and contain any recommendations for legislative or

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