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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 169

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to Alaska development policy; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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 7A. ALASKA DEVELOPMENT POLICY BOARD

11 AS 44.19.570. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The legislature declares
12 that the state has an important interest in events having a major
13 impact on the economy of Alaska, and that the state's fiscal,
14 regulatory, development, public improvement and related policies
15 should be conducive to the equitable allocation of the true costs
16 of economic activity to the end that the general welfare is enhanced
17 and the residents realize a net benefit from the economic activity.

18 AS 44.19.571. ALASKA DEVELOPMENT POLICY BOARD. (a) There is
19 established in the Office of the Governor the Alaska Development Policy
20 Board. The board consists of members appointed by the governor
21 whose training and attainment qualify them to advise the governor
22 on economic development policy. The members of the board shall be
23 confirmed by the legislature in joint session.

24 (b) The governor shall designate one member of the board as
25 chairman. If the member serving as chairman continues to serve in
26 government service or other full-time employment during his term as
27 chairman, then an executive director may be appointed by the board.
28 The terms of the first appointed members of the board shall expire
29 on the first Monday in December, 1974. Members subsequently appointed

shall serve terms of four years at the pleasure of the governor.

2 AS 44.19.572. COMPENSATION. If he serves full-time in his
3 capacity as chairman, the chairman shall be compensated at the rate
4 established for head of a principal executive department under
5 AS 39.20.080(a). The executive director shall be compensated at a
6 rate established for a deputy head of a principal executive department
7 under AS 39.20.080(b) as specified by the governor. Members other than
8 the chairman serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem
9 and travel expenses authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

10 AS 44.19.573. DUTIES. (a) The board shall, upon request of
11 the governor

12 (1) recommend measures or policies which will diversify
13 the economy of the state and multiply opportunities available to
14 Alaska's resident citizens for an improved quality of life, promote
15 personally satisfying, regular year round employment, combat
16 unemployment, reduce unnecessary burdens on state or local government
17 services or environmental quality and improve efficiency in the
18 management of Alaskan enterprise;

19 (2) in selected cases, review, evaluate and report to the
20 governor on the implications of actions of the state, its political
21 subdivisions, the government of the United States or private industry
22 which have a major economic impact on the quality of Alaskan life;

23 (3) review the fiscal policies of the state including the
24 pattern of taxation, its efficiency and fairness, state investment
25 policies, the impact of state employment policies and budgets and
26 specific expenditures of federal and state funds, whether annual
27 expenses or capital expenditures, on the economy of the state;

28 (4) review the regulatory policies of the state concerning
29 transportation, communication, renewable and non-renewable natural

1 resource development, the production and distribution of energy, land
2 and water use or other regulatory programs to determine their impact
3 on the economy of the state and the net benefit to resident citizens
4 of the state;

5 (5) identify forms of enterprise and economic activity
6 which deserve the priority support of state policy;

7 (6) identify obstructions to the free flow of commerce and
8 operation of the free enterprise system within the economy;

9 (7) review and evaluate comparatively the economic impact
10 of any human resource program or policy of the state, weighing
11 program costs against benefits produced;

12 (8) review the geographic distribution of population and
13 productive capacity within the state and evaluate the performance of
14 state policies for regional development and balanced development of
15 urban and rural areas;

16 (9) analyze the causes and remedies to inflationary and
17 deflationary trends in the economy, and differentials in the cost-
18 of-living;

19 (10) review and report on the effect of the Alaska Native
20 Claims Settlement Act on the economy of the state; and

21 (11) review the efficiency and benefit flow resulting
22 from the institutional apportionment of major decisions affecting
23 the Alaskan economy.

24 (b) The board shall no later than September 1, 1973, initiate a
25 study of anticipated gas field and gas pipeline developments including
26 the development of forecasts and proposed state policies for gas
27 pipelines on alignment and right of way, taxation and regulation,
28 the anticipated pattern and structure of ownership, and other matters
29 affecting the welfare of the people of the state.

1 AS 44.19.574. POWERS. (a) The board may

2 (1) meet on the call of the chairman or the governor no
3 less than quarterly;

4 (2) through the chairman, with the concurrence of the board,
5 employ staff assistants, technical experts and hearing officers and
6 may retain consultants and designate consulting bodies to aid it in
7 the performance of functions charged to it under this chapter within
8 the appropriations available to the board;

9 (3) with the concurrence of the governor establish
10 priorities and approve work programs for staff of the commission;

11 (4) hold hearings on any anticipated event or development
12 proposal having a major impact on the economy of the state;

13 (5) through its chairman, or an employee authorized by the
14 board administer oaths;

15 (6) seek legal advice from the Department of Law; the
16 attorney general is legal counsel to the board and shall represent
17 the board in all legal proceedings; and

18 (7) issue reports and findings on anticipated events or
19 developments having a major impact on the economy of the state or
20 an aspect of the economy or policies of the state which the board
21 considers would promote public understanding of economic issues.

22 (b) Whenever appropriate the board shall conduct studies or
23 hearings authorized by this section or sec. 573 of this chapter
24 through contract with or in concert with an existing department or
25 agency of state government, a local government or an agency of the
26 federal government.

27 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1973.
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