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1 IN THE HOUSE

CS HOUSE BILL NO. 68 (Fin) (2nd fin)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Alaska youth hostel system."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 41.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 Sec. 41.20.500. CREATION. There is established the Alaska youth  
10 hostel system within the division of parks and recreation, Department  
11 of Natural Resources.

12 Sec. 41.20.510. DUTIES. The division shall

13 (1) plan and develop a statewide system of youth hostel  
14 facilities;

15 (2) provide for the acquisition, construction, care, im-  
16 provement, maintenance, and supervision of the hostel facilities;  
17 however, nothing prohibits the division from contracting for the services  
18 required under this paragraph;

19 (3) acquire, by purchase, gift or otherwise, land suitable  
20 for the construction of youth hostel facilities;

21 (4) cooperate and consult with national or international  
22 organizations established for the purpose of establishing or regulating  
23 youth hostel facilities;

24 (5) adopt, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure  
25 Act, regulations governing the establishment and administration of  
26 youth hostel facilities.

27 Sec. 41.20.520. HOSTEL LOCATION. In developing the statewide  
28 system of Alaska youth hostels, the division shall, within the  
29 limits of available funding, and after receiving the

1 recommendations of the Alaska Youth Hostel Advisory Committee, provide  
2 for at least one youth hostel in each of the five following major  
3 regions of the state: arctic, southcentral, interior, southwestern,  
4 and southeastern. Hostel facilities shall be located, when possible,  
5 within major population areas within those regions. Other hostels may  
6 be established within the five regions as funding permits.

7 Sec. 41.20.530. HOSTEL USE FEE. The division shall establish a  
8 reasonable daily hostel use fee. All money received from the operation  
9 of a youth hostel, including income from concessions and donations,  
10 shall be deposited in the general fund of the state.

11 Sec. 41.20.540. HOSTEL FACILITY. Each youth hostel facility shall  
12 provide accommodations for not less than six persons, and be equipped  
13 with suitable bathroom and kitchen facilities. Each facility shall be  
14 supervised under regulations adopted by the division of parks and recre-  
15 ation.

16 Sec. 41.20.550. ALASKA YOUTH HOSTEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) There  
17 is created the Alaska Youth Hostel Advisory Committee consisting of  
18 three persons, one each from the following fields of expertise: cor-  
19 rectional or youth services, education, and recreation.

20 (b) Members of the committee are appointed by the governor for  
21 terms of three years. Upon initial appointment, one shall serve for  
22 one year, one for two years, and one for three years.

23 (c) Members of the committee serve without compensation but are  
24 entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for boards  
25 and commissions. The committee shall meet at least three times a year.

26 (d) The committee shall

27 (1) recommend to the division of parks and recreation  
28 locations for the construction of youth hostels;

29 (2) advise the division on use policy for the Alaska youth