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2 *CS* HOUSE BILL NO. 667 *Fin*
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing a study of the causes and potential
7 solutions of the high cost of living in Alaska."

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

9 * Section 1. The Department of Commerce and Economic Development shall
10 supervise a study of the causes of the high cost of living in Alaska relative
11 to other states and of potential action which could be taken by the state to
12 alleviate this problem. The study shall consist of three parts. Part one
13 shall examine those economic factors which contribute to the high cost of
14 living in Alaska. Each factor which contributes to the high cost of living
15 shall be identified, and the extent to which it contributes to high living
16 costs shall be determined. Part two shall examine those factors which are not
17 strictly economic, such as psychological and sociological phenomena, which may
18 contribute to high living costs. These factors may include, but are not
19 limited to, expectations of wage earners, management, investors, and consumers.
20 Part three shall consist of identification of various forms of action which
21 could be taken by the state to reduce the cost of living in Alaska. In addi-
22 tion, each form of government action which could potentially reduce living
23 costs in the state shall be evaluated in terms of its effect upon the economic
24 and social well-being of the state. The study shall be completed by Decem-
25 ber 31, 1976 and presented to the First Session of the Tenth Legislature.
26 Copies of the study shall be made available to the general public.