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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 667

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; and  
8 providing for an effective date."

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

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

29 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-

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