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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST

2 CS HOUSE BILL NO. 888

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to land under the Alaska Native Claims  
7 Settlement Act."

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

9 \* Section 1. STEERING COUNCIL FOR d-2 LAND. There is created in the  
10 Office of the Governor the Steering Council consisting of seven members as  
11 follows: three members of the state administration appointed by the gover-  
12 nor, one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of  
13 the house, one member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate,  
14 and two lay members appointed by the governor.

15 \* Sec. 2. COMPENSATION. Members of the Steering Council receive the same  
16 travel pay and per diem as provided by law for boards and commissions.

17 \* Sec. 3. STAFF. The committee may employ those persons necessary to  
18 carry out the purposes of this Act, including but not limited to regular or  
19 temporary employees, consultants or other experts in the field.

20 \* Sec. 4. DUTIES. (a) The Steering Council shall develop a lobby effort  
21 to represent Alaska's interest before Congress in matters relating to land  
22 withdrawals under sec. 17(d)(2) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act  
23 (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).

24 (b) The Steering Council is to provide a forum for parties interested  
25 in the d-2 land to develop and maintain a common broad front on the issues  
26 and to develop a capability for these interested parties to adequately  
27 present their views before Congress.

28 (c) In order to ensure the widest possible presentation of Alaska's  
29 views before Congress the Steering Council may make grants from the funds

1 available to it to independent groups for the purpose of presentations before  
2 Congress on these issues. These groups must have an interest in the issue of  
3 d-2 withdrawal, but their position need not be identical to the position of  
4 the Steering Council of the state or the official position of the executive  
5 branch of government of the state. The interest may concern specific issues  
6 or particular portions of the land being withdrawn.

7 (d) The Steering Council may do other things considered advisable for  
8 maximizing the development of positions on the issues of withdrawal and the  
9 effectiveness of presentation of these positions to Congress.

10 \* Sec. 5. The provisions of AS 39.50 (conflict of interest) apply to the  
11 Steering Council for d-2 land created by this Act.

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