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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR 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; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. STEERING COUNCIL FOR SECTION 17d(2) LAND WITHDRAWALS. There
10 is created in the Office of the Governor the Steering Council consisting of
11 nine members as follows: five members appointed by the governor, two members
12 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and two members
13 appointed by the president of the senate.

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

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

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

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

27 (c) In order to ensure the widest possible presentation of Alaska's
28 views before Congress the Steering Council may make grants from the funds
29 available to it to independent groups for the purpose of presentations before

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5 or particular portions of the land being withdrawn.

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

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

11 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect July 1, 1976.
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