

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 SCS CS HOUSE BILL NO. 38

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH 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 ARTICLE 12. YOUTH HOSTEL SYSTEM.

10 Sec. 41.20.410. CREATION. There is established the Alaska youth  
11 hostel system administered by the division of parks, Department of  
12 Natural Resources.

13 Sec. 41.20.420. DUTIES. The division shall

14 (1) after consultation with community organizations or  
15 individuals and after maximum utilization of existing local effort, plan  
16 and develop a statewide system of youth hostel facilities;

17 (2) administer a program of grants to eligible nonprofit  
18 corporations, municipalities, and organizations for construction,  
19 maintenance, and operation of youth hostels;

20 (3) cooperate and consult with national or international  
21 organizations established for the purpose of establishing or regulating  
22 youth hostel facilities and follow, where appropriate, the specific  
23 guidelines established by the American Youth Hostel Association and  
24 the International Youth Hostel Association;

25 (4) adopt, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure  
26 Act (AS 44.62), regulations governing the establishment and adminis-  
27 tration of youth hostel facilities.

28 Sec. 41.20.430. HOSTEL LOCATION. In developing the statewide  
29 system of Alaska youth hostels, the division shall, within the limits

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

8 Sec. 41.20.440. HOSTEL FACILITY. Each youth hostel facility  
9 shall be equipped with suitable toilet and kitchen facilities. Each  
10 facility shall be supervised under regulations adopted by the divi-  
11 sion of parks.

12 Sec. 41.20.450. ALASKA YOUTH HOSTEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a)  
13 There is created the Alaska Youth Hostel Advisory Committee consisting  
14 of four persons, to include the director of the division of parks or his  
15 designee, and three others, one each from the following fields of  
16 expertise: correctional or youth services, education, and recreation.

17 (b) Members of the committee are appointed by the governor for  
18 terms of three years and serve at his pleasure. Upon initial appoint-  
19 ment, one shall serve for one year, one for two years, and one for three  
20 years.

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

24 (d) The committee shall

25 (1) recommend to the division of parks locations for the  
26 construction of youth hostels;

27 (2) advise the division on use policy for the Alaska youth  
28 hostel system;

29 (3) render other assistance considered necessary and appropri-

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ate by the division;

(4) establish criteria for the grant programs authorized under sec. 420(2) of this chapter and have approval authority for grants made under sec. 420(2) of this chapter.

(e) The members of the Alaska Youth Hostel Advisory Committee are exempt from the financial disclosure requirements of AS 39.50.

Sec. 41.20.460. REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. The division of parks shall report to the legislature each year during its regular session. The report shall give the number of hostels established, their location, the extent to which they have been utilized, and general recommendations for improvement of the program.