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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 233

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST 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 d-2 LAND. There is created in the
10 Office of the Governor the Steering Council consisting of nine members as
11 follows: the state co-chairman of the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning
12 Commission for Alaska, four members appointed by the governor, two members of
13 the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, and two
14 members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate.

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
Congress on these issues. These groups must have an interest in the issue of
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6 or particular portions of the land being withdrawn.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.

12 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
13 070(c).