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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 233 am

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
7 Claims Settlement Act; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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

10 * Section 1. PURPOSE AND STATEMENT OF POLICY. (a) Section 17(d)(2) of
11 the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 directed the Secretary of the
12 Department of the Interior "to withdraw from all forms of appropriation under
13 the public land laws, including the mining and mineral leasing laws, and from
14 selection under the Alaska Statehood Act . . . up to, but not to exceed,
15 eighty (80) million acres of unreserved public lands in the State of Alaska .
16 . . which the Secretary deems suitable for addition to or creation as units
17 of the National Park, Forest, Wildlife Refuge, and Wild and Scenic Rivers
18 Systems."

19 (b) Congress is now considering bills calling for up to 114 million
20 acres for inclusion in the four systems described in (a) of this section.
21 The legislature finds it essential that Alaskans be provided an opportunity
22 to affect the system and nature of public land management in Alaska in order
23 to insure that the rights of the state under the Statehood Act are fully
24 recognized. The legislature further finds that it is in the best interests
25 of the nation and the state not to immediately classify the large tracts of
26 Alaska public land.

27 * Sec. 2. STEERING COUNCIL FOR d-2 LAND. There is created in the Office
28 of the Governor the Steering Council for d-2 lands consisting of nine members
29 as follows: the state co-chairman of the Joint Federal-State Land Use

1 Planning Commission for Alaska, four members appointed by the governor, two
2 members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the
3 house, and two members of the senate appointed by the president of the
4 senate. The Steering Council may select one of its members as chairman.

5 * Sec. 3. COMPENSATION. Members of the Steering Council receive the same
6 travel pay and per diem as provided by law for boards and commissions.

7 * Sec. 4. STAFF. The council may employ those persons necessary to carry
8 out the purposes of this Act, including but not limited to permanent or
9 temporary employees, consultants or other experts.

10 * Sec. 5. DUTIES. (a) The Steering Council shall develop a unified
11 lobbying and informational effort to make Alaska's needs and future land use
12 requirements known to Congress and the public in all matters relating to land
13 withdrawals and classifications under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
14 or any other relevant federal Act, regulation or order.

15 (b) The Steering Council is to provide a forum for Alaskans interested
16 in d-2 lands to develop recommendations to protect Alaska's present and
17 future needs and to assist Alaskans in presenting their views on Alaska land
18 questions before Congress.

19 (c) The Steering Council may expend funds to enable independent Alaskan
20 groups, with policies consistent with sec. 1(b) of this Act, to make presenta-
21 tions before Congress and the public.

22 (d) The Steering Council may do other things which it considers advis-
23 able for maximizing the development of positions on the issues of withdrawals
24 and the effectiveness of presentation of these positions to Congress and the
25 public.

26 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
27 070(c).