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2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 516 (Title Change)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the office of appropriate techno-
7 logy.

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

9 * Section 1. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 Sec. 44.19.895. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that there is a
11 need for development of small-scale and low cost alternatives for
12 Alaskans in the area of building design, food production, recycling,
13 transportation, energy and waste disposal. Therefore, the legislature
14 finds that wider use of low-cost and small-scale technologies appropriate
15 to Alaska should be encouraged.

16 Sec. 44.19.896. OFFICE OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY. There is
17 established in the division of policy development and planning an office
18 of appropriate technology.

19 Sec. 44.19.897. PURPOSE. The purpose of the office of appropriate
20 technology is to assist in the development and use of low-cost and small-
21 scale technologies appropriate to Alaska through dissemination of infor-
22 mation and financial and technical assistance to individuals and
23 businesses in Alaska.

24 Sec. 44.19.898. DUTIES OF OFFICE OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY. (a)
25 The office of appropriate technology shall

26 (1) assist and advise the governor, the legislature, and all
27 state departments and agencies in developing and implementing appropriate
28 technologies;

29 (2) disseminate information pertaining to appropriate

1 technology;

2 (3) as funds are appropriated, make grants of financial
3 assistance to persons engaged in the development and use of appropriate
4 technology subject to a maximum grant of \$5,000; and

5 (4) assist persons engaged in the development and use of
6 appropriate technology to obtain financial assistance from all available
7 sources.

8 (b) Applications for grants made under this section shall be
9 submitted to the office of appropriate technology. The office shall
10 review all grant applications and shall submit complete applications to
11 a screening committee composed of the director of policy development
12 and planning or his designee, the commissioner of commerce and economic
13 development or his designee, and the commissioner of natural resources
14 or his designee. Grant awards must be approved by a majority of the
15 screening committee. Applications for grants under this section shall
16 be processed by the office within 30 days of receipt. The office may
17 make grants in coordination with the National Center for Appropriate
18 Technology or other funding sources. An applicant for funds for a demon-
19 stration project shall include with his or her application a statement
20 that the completed project will be available for public inspection.

21 Sec. 44.19.899. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter, "appropriate
22 technology" means the Alaskan application of less costly, less wasteful
23 and less energy-intensive techniques and methods of recycling, waste
24 disposal, transportation, food production, energy and building design.

25 * Sec. 2. This Act expires June 30, 1983.