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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 516

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 northern technology;  
7 and providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that there is a need for  
10 development of small-scale and low cost alternatives for Alaskans in the area  
11 of building design, food production, recycling, transportation, energy  
12 generation, waste disposal, and small-scale residential and industrial enter-  
13 prise. Therefore, the legislature finds that the development and wider use  
14 of low-cost and small-scale technologies appropriate to Alaska should be  
15 encouraged.

16 \* Sec. 2. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

17 Sec. 44.19.882. OFFICE OF NORTHERN TECHNOLOGY. There is estab-  
18 lished in the division of policy development and planning an office of  
19 northern technology. The office shall be supervised by a coordinator  
20 who must be familiar with northern technology and possess a baccalaur-  
21 eate degree in a field of science or engineering.

22 Sec. 44.19.883. PURPOSE. The purpose of the office of northern  
23 technology is to assist in the development and use of low-cost and  
24 small-scale technologies appropriate to Alaska through dissemination of  
25 information and financial and technical assistance to individuals and  
26 businesses in Alaska.

27 Sec. 44.19.884. DUTIES OF OFFICE OF NORTHERN TECHNOLOGY. (a) The  
28 office of northern technology shall

29 (1) assist and advise the governor, the legislature, and all

1 state departments and agencies in developing and implementing northern  
2 technologies;

3 (2) gather and disseminate information pertaining to results  
4 of all research and development of northern technology;

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

8 (4) assist persons engaged in the development of northern  
9 technology to obtain financial assistance from all available sources.

10 (b) Applications for grants made under this section shall be  
11 submitted to the office of northern technology. The office shall adopt  
12 regulations prescribing procedures for the review and approval of grant  
13 applications. Applications for grants under this section shall be  
14 processed by the office within 30 days of receipt. The office may make  
15 grants in coordination with the National Center for Appropriate Tech-  
16 nology or other funding sources. An applicant for funds for a demon-  
17 stration project shall include with his or her application a statement  
18 that the completed project will be available for public inspection.

19 \* Sec. 3. AS 44.19.881 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 44.19.881. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 870 - 884 [881] of this  
21 chapter,

22 (1) "division" means the division of policy development and  
23 planning;

24 (2) "director" means the director of the division of policy  
25 development and planning;

26 (3) "northern technology" means the Alaskan application of  
27 less costly, less wasteful and less energy-intensive techniques and  
28 methods of recycling, waste disposal, transportation, food production,  
29 energy and building design.

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\* Sec. 4. This Act expires June 30, 1983.

\* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1978.

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