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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 CS HOUSE BILL NO. 948

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act transferring the Bristol Bay Regional Develop-
7 ment Council from the Office of the Governor to the
8 Department of Commerce and Economic Development; and
9 providing for an effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 44.33 is amended by adding new sections to read:

12 ARTICLE 8. BRISTOL BAY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

13 Sec. 44.33.320. COUNCIL ESTABLISHED. There is established in the
14 Department of Commerce and Economic Development the Bristol Bay Regional
15 Development Council.

16 Sec. 44.33.330. COMPOSITION. The council consists of the commis-
17 sioner of commerce and economic development who is chairman, the
18 commissioner of community and regional affairs, the commissioner of fish
19 and game, and six public members appointed by the governor. The public
20 members may not be state officers or employees, shall be chosen from the
21 Bristol Bay region, and shall represent a cross section of the economic
22 interests of the region.

23 Sec. 44.33.340. TERMS OF OFFICE. (a) Public members of the
24 council shall be appointed for overlapping terms of three years.

25 (b) The governor shall appoint the initial public members of the
26 council within 30 days of the effective date of this Act. Of the six
27 initial appointees to the council, two shall be appointed for three-year
28 terms, two for two-year terms, and two for one-year terms.

29 (c) Subsequent terms for all public members are three years.

1 (d) A vacancy occurring in the public membership of the council
2 shall be filled by appointment of the governor for the unexpired portion
3 of the vacated term.

4 (e) Public council members serve at the pleasure of the governor.

5 Sec. 44.33.350. COMPENSATION, PER DIEM, AND EXPENSES. Members of
6 the council receive no salary, but are entitled to per diem, reimburse-
7 ment for travel, costs of child care consequent to service on the
8 council, and other expenses authorized by law.

9 Sec. 44.33.360. MEETINGS. The council shall meet at the call of
10 the chairman not less frequently than twice a year. A majority of the
11 members constitutes a quorum.

12 Sec. 44.33.370. POWERS. The council may

13 (1) hire staff and consultants to carry out its responsibili-
14 ties under secs. 320 - 380 of this chapter;

15 (2) promulgate regulations under the Administrative Procedure
16 Act (AS 44.62) that it considers necessary to carry out its responsibili-
17 ties under secs. 320 - 380 of this chapter;

18 (3) hold meetings and public hearings in the Bristol Bay
19 region;

20 (4) require all state departments and agencies to cooperate
21 by furnishing all necessary material not prohibited by law.

22 Sec. 44.33.380. DUTIES. The council has the authority and respon-
23 sibility to explore the short-term and long-term economic factors and
24 federal and state programs and policies affecting the Bristol Bay region
25 with a view toward producing a long-term social and economic development
26 program for the region consistent with the living patterns of the resi-
27 dent population and integrating natural resources development with the
28 environmental concerns of the region.

29 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1978.