

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 *HCS* SENATE BILL NO. 306

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 the establishment of cabins within
7 state parks and state game refuges."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 41.20.020 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

10 (12) construct and maintain cabins within each state park
11 created under this chapter and, after consultation with the Department
12 of Fish and Game, construct and maintain cabins within each state game
13 refuge created under AS 16.20.

14 * Sec. 2. AS 41.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

15 Sec. 41.20.023. PUBLIC ACCESS CABINS. (a) The legislature deter-
16 mines that it is in the public interest that the state parks and state
17 game refuges be made more accessible for use and enjoyment by the resi-
18 dents of the state. Accordingly, the Department of Natural Resources
19 shall establish a program for the construction and maintenance of cabins
20 within each state park and each state game refuge. The department shall
21 consult with the Department of Fish and Game on the location of cabins
22 within state game refuges.

23 (b) In location of the cabins, primary consideration shall be
24 given to the patterns of use and of potential use of trails, rivers,
25 lakes, and seashore by residents of Alaska; the department shall also
26 consider the extent to which needs are being met or may be met by other
27 agencies of the state or federal governments, by private organizations,
28 or by other sources. It may also consider the needs of state or federal
29 agencies for multipurpose administrative sites which might also serve

1 the public under this section.

2 (c) The commissioner may construct and maintain the cabins estab-
3 lished under this section directly with funds appropriated to the
4 department and by cooperation with local groups or other state or
5 federal agencies. The department shall seek to minimize the costs of
6 construction and maintenance by consulting with local organizations and
7 individuals and by encouraging the maximum utilization of existing or
8 potential local effort.

9 (d) The commissioner, in coordination with such local or other
10 effort as seems reasonable to him, shall establish a reservation system
11 for the use of the cabins constructed under this section.