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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 787

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska Public Forum in the  
7 Office of the Governor."

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 ARTICLE 8B. ALASKA PUBLIC FORUM.

11 Sec. 44.19.595. ALASKA PUBLIC FORUM. There is in the Office of  
12 the Governor the Alaska Public Forum.

13 Sec. 44.19.596. DIRECTOR. The Alaska Public Forum is administered  
14 by a director who is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the  
15 governor. The director shall employ the staff necessary to carry out  
16 the provisions of AS 44.19.595 - 44.19.599.

17 Sec. 44.19.597. FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE ALASKA PUBLIC FORUM.

18 (a) The Alaska Public Forum shall

19 (1) provide technical assistance for state agency public  
20 involvement programs;

21 (2) provide information and assistance to state agencies to  
22 promote coordination and unity in the preparation of state agency public  
23 involvement programs;

24 (3) publish statistical information or other material that  
25 will further the provisions and intent of AS 44.19.595 - 44.19.599;

26 (4) review all proposals for state agency public involvement  
27 programs by a state agency and advise and make recommendations concern-  
28 ing the programs and their possible consolidation with other programs;

29 (5) coordinate its services and activities with those of

1 other state departments and agencies to the fullest extent possible to  
2 avoid duplication.

3 Sec. 44.19.598. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR. (a) The  
4 director shall

5 (1) supervise and administer the activities of the Alaska  
6 Public Forum;

7 (2) advise the governor on matters concerning state agency  
8 public involvement programs;

9 (3) make an annual report to the governor of the activities  
10 of the Alaska Public Forum.

11 (b) The director may, with the written concurrence of the gover-  
12 nor, enter into contracts and subcontracts on behalf of the state to  
13 carry out the provisions of AS 44.19.595 - 44.19.599.

14 Sec. 44.19.599. DEFINITIONS. In AS 44.19.595 - 44.19.598,

15 (1) "director" means the director of the Alaska Public Forum;

16 (2) "state agency public involvement program" means a program  
17 or activity of the executive branch which involves the solicitation of  
18 opinions or views of the public on a state activity or matter of state  
19 policy, and includes all advertising by the executive branch.  
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