

IN THE SENATE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 48

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2 Under the authority of Article III, Section 23, of the Constitu-
3 tion of the State of Alaska, and in accordance with AS 24.30.130(b), I order
4 the following:

5 * Section 1. FINDINGS. As governor, I find that it would be in the best
6 interest of efficient administration to transfer the Alaska Council on
7 Science and Technology from the Department of Environmental Conservation to
8 the Department of Administration.

9 * Sec. 2. AS 37.12.070(16) is amended to read:

10 (16) provide funds to the Alaska Council on Science and
11 Technology, to be awarded and administered in the manner prescribed by
12 AS 44.21.200 -- 44.21.240 [44.19.181 -- 44.19.189] when the funds are
13 to be expended to accomplish a corporate purpose under AS 37.12.015.

14 * Sec. 3. AS 39.25.120(17) is amended to read:

15 (17) the executive director, but not other staff, of the
16 Alaska Council on Science and Technology located in the Department of
17 Administration [ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION].

18 * Sec. 4. AS 44.21 is amended by adding new sections to read:

19 ARTICLE 4. ALASKA COUNCIL ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

20 Sec. 44.21.200. COUNCIL ESTABLISHED. (a) There is established
21 in the Department of Administration the Alaska Council on Science and
22 Technology. The council consists of seven members who are appointed by
23 the governor upon the recommendations of the state's scientific,
24 engineering, and related communities and organizations. Members have
25 overlapping three-year terms, except that, of the first members, two
26 have terms of one year, two have terms of two years, and three have
27 terms of three years. Two members shall be selected from different
28 executive departments of state government having significant research
29 activities, two members shall be selected from the Alaska academic

1 community, two members must have significant activities or direct
2 interests in research and shall be selected from the general public,
3 and one member shall be selected from the staff of the legislature.
4 The council shall elect one of its members as chairman. A chairman may
5 be elected for successive terms as chairman and serves until his suc-
6 cessor is designated. Four members constitute a quorum.

7 (b) Council members receive no compensation but are entitled to
8 the travel and per diem provided by law for members of boards or
9 commissions.

10 Sec. 44.21.210. PURPOSE, POWERS, AND DUTIES. (a) The purpose of
11 the council is to review and recommend the scientific and technological
12 research needs of state government, to issue research grants and con-
13 tracts, to oversee the issued grants and contracts, to promote high
14 standards of research for the priorities proposed by the council, and
15 to address stated legislative or administrative requests for research.

16 (b) The council may

17 (1) apprise itself of local, state, federal, and private
18 research programs, activities, and needs;

19 (2) convene committees, task forces, conferences, public
20 hearings, and other meetings necessary to carry out the council's
21 purposes;

22 (3) award research grants and contracts on a fair and com-
23 petitive basis and administer those grants and contracts;

24 (4) enter into agreements creating one or more systems of
25 information exchange with any appropriate research funding sources;

26 (5) at the request of any state agency, enter into and
27 administer, but not perform, the research under research grants and
28 contracts funded by that state agency;

29 (6) investigate the need for and when necessary establish

1 advisory committees for reviewing its program;

2 (7) request and receive from any agency of the state govern-
3 ment the assistance and data needed to carry out the requirements of
4 this section;

5 (8) hire an executive director and staff that may be neces-
6 sary to implement AS 44.21.200 -- 44.21.240.

7 (c) The council shall

8 (1) develop methods of surveying research needs of the
9 state, based on the present and future information needs of policy
10 makers, state agencies, and the public at large;

11 (2) annually review the research needs and propose priori-
12 ties for funding;

13 (3) annually submit to the governor and the legislature the
14 findings of the council, including a listing, description, ranking, and
15 justification of research needs, and a commentary on significant re-
16 search activities of the preceding year funded by the state and includ-
17 ing the relationship of that research to the state's needs and priori-
18 ties;

19 (4) promote and enhance standards for research activities
20 for which the council has administrative oversight;

21 (5) establish review procedures for research proposals;

22 (6) at the request of either the governor or the legisla-
23 ture, advise in a timely fashion on inquiries concerning scientific
24 investigation or comment;

25 (7) evaluate and forward to appropriate agencies and persons
26 products of research activities funded by the council; the council
27 shall prepare comments to accompany research reports summarizing the
28 applications, importance, or further research needs demonstrated by
29 the findings of council-supported research;

1 (8) coordinate its data and information needs with other
2 research organizations in order to avoid unnecessary duplication;

3 (9) not conduct any research itself other than that necessary
4 to further the purpose of the council as provided in (a) of this sec-
5 tion;

6 (10) supply to any person or agency requesting assistance the
7 available information on past or present research activities for which
8 the council has information, except that the council shall not release
9 information which may endanger the acceptance of any research proposal
10 which is at the time competing with other proposals for funding.

11 (d) The council may, as funds are appropriated, make grants of
12 financial assistance of up to \$5,000 to persons engaged in the devel-
13 opment or implementation of northern technology. An application for
14 a grant under this subsection shall be submitted to the council which
15 shall determine the manner in which applications are reviewed and ap-
16 proved. The council may make grants in coordination with other sources
17 of funding. An applicant for funds for a demonstration project shall
18 include with his application a statement that the completed project
19 will be available for public inspection. Any patents or royalties ac-
20 cruing from projects funded through grants made by the council remain
21 the property of the individual receiving the grant.

22 Sec. 44.21.220. RECORDS, REPORTS. (a) The council shall have
23 its financial records audited by an independent certified public ac-
24 countant. The internal auditor and legislative auditor shall jointly
25 prescribe the form and content of the financial records of the council
26 and shall be afforded access to these records at any time.

27 (b) Before January 15 of each year, the council shall submit to
28 the governor and the legislature a comprehensive report describing
29 operations and expenditures and the status of grants and contracts for

1 the last preceding fiscal year.

2 (c) The provisions of AS 09.25.110 -- 09.25.120 apply to the
3 council.

4 Sec. 44.21.230. DEFINITIONS. In AS 44.21.200 -- 44.21.240,

5 (1) "council" means the Alaska Council on Science and Tech-
6 nology established in AS 44.21.200;

7 (2) "northern technology" means the application in Alaska of
8 methods of energy generation, waste disposal, recycling, food produc-
9 tion, transportation, building design, and industrial enterprise which
10 may be more efficient, and less costly and less energy intensive than
11 those methods presently utilized and which are appropriate to the
12 Alaska environment.

13 Sec. 44.21.240. SHORT TITLE. AS 44.21.200 -- 44.21.240 may be
14 cited as the Science and Technology Act.

15 * Sec. 5. AS 44.66.010(a)(6) is amended to read:

16 (6) Alaska Council on Science and Technology (AS 44.21.200
17 [AS 44.19.181]) -- June 30, 1983;

18 * Sec. 6. AS 44.46.070 -- 44.46.100 are repealed.

19 * Sec. 7. AS 44.21.210(d) and 44.21.230(2), as enacted in sec. 4 of this
20 order, terminate June 30, 1984.

21 * Sec. 8. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS. (a) Contracts and proceedings
22 entered into by the Alaska Council on Science and Technology are not
23 affected by the relocation of the council made by this order.

24 (b) Members of the council serving on the effective date of this order
25 continue as members for the duration of the term for which appointed under
26 prior law.

27 * Sec. 9. This order takes effect July 1, 1981.

28 DATED: 22 June 1981
29 June 21, Alaska


Jay S. Hammond
Governor