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HOUSE BILL NO. 144

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to erosion control in waterfront
7 areas."

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

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* Section 1. AS 30.15.010 is amended to read:

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Sec. 30.15.010. STATE GRANTS FOR PORT FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION.

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To the extent funds are appropriated by the legislature, or from the
12 proceeds from the sale of bonds, the state may make grants to munici-
13 palities to finance a portion of the cost of constructing and perform-
14 ing feasibility studies for [CONSTRUCTION] local, regional or state
15 port facilities and means of erosion control at port facilities. The
16 state shall participate only in those projects approved by the gover-
17 nor on recommendation of the commissioner of transportation and public
18 facilities.

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* Sec. 2. AS 30.15.020(b) is amended to read:

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(b) No grant may be awarded under this chapter for a port facil-
21 ity development project unless [UNTIL] a study of its feasibility is
22 conducted and submitted with the application for the grant or the
23 application includes a request for funds to conduct a feasibility
24 study. The project also must be justifiable on the basis of public
25 convenience and necessity. The study shall be conducted by consul-
26 tants, engineers or other technical experts, who may be officers or
27 employees of the municipality in making application for a grant.

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* Sec. 3. AS 30.15.030(1) is amended to read:

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(1) 95 [90] percent of project costs for municipalities

1 under 5,000 population;

2 * Sec. 4. AS 30.15.070(4) is amended to read:

3 (4) "port facilities" means docks, wharves, bulkheads,
4 seawalls, landfills, warehouses, staging areas, transfer spans and
5 aprons, lifting equipment, means of erosion control, and similar
6 structures together with the necessary equipment and facilities re-
7 quired to accommodate waterborne commerce and shipping, including but
8 not limited to combined port and ferry terminal facilities;

9 * Sec. 5. AS 41.10.010 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 41.10.010. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The farm, forest, water-
11 front, and grazing lands of the state are basic assets of the state.
12 It is the policy of this chapter, in the interest of the health,
13 safety, and general welfare of the people of the state, to provide for
14 the development, use and conservation of these lands in accordance
15 with their capabilities.

16 * Sec. 6. AS 41.10.110(1) is amended to read:

17 (1) conduct land capability surveys and investigations of
18 waterfront and potential agricultural areas and of soil conservation
19 and erosion control, including necessary preventative and control
20 measures, in the state; to publish the results of these surveys and
21 investigations and to disseminate information concerning the results
22 of the surveys and investigations to prospective settlers and the
23 general public;