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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 23

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to outdoor recreation and historic
7 projects; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. (a) The legislature finds that

10 (1) significant opportunities for outdoor recreation are part of
11 what makes Alaska different;

12 (2) this difference is vital to the mental and physical well-
13 being of Alaskans and should be affirmatively encouraged by the legisla-
14 ture;

15 (3) the state has many sites of national and international
16 significance that are worthy of preservation for future generations;

17 (4) these significant sites are being lost to the people of the
18 state through decay and neglect and from purchase and reconstruction.

19 (b) Therefore the legislature concludes that

20 (1) there is a compelling public interest and a demonstrated
21 community need for the preservation, enhancement, protection, and reha-
22 bilitation of outdoor recreation facilities and historic sites; and

23 (2) the legislature should regularly support the grant program
24 for the preservation and enhancement of outdoor recreation facilities and
25 historic sites.

26 * Sec. 2. AS 41.22 is amended by adding new sections to read:

27 ARTICLE 2. OUTDOOR RECREATION AND HISTORIC

28 PROPERTIES GRANT PROGRAM.

29 Sec. 41.22.050. OUTDOOR RECREATION AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES GRANT

1 PROGRAM. (a) There is in the Department of Natural Resources an out-
2 door recreation and historic properties grant fund administered by the
3 division of parks.

4 (b) Appropriations and other money deposited in the fund shall
5 be used by the division to make grants not to exceed 75 percent of the
6 total cost of

7 (1) a project initiated by a municipality having the power
8 to provide for recreation facilities to acquire, develop, or extend
9 outdoor recreation sites and facilities under criteria established by
10 the commissioner of natural resources; and

11 (2) a historic properties project initiated by an owner of
12 property or by a municipality having the power to provide for recrea-
13 tion facilities.

14 (c) No less than 25 percent of the appropriations and other
15 money deposited in the fund shall be used by the division to make
16 grants for historical properties projects.

17 (d) Appropriations and other money deposited in the fund shall
18 be used by the division to make grants not to exceed 75 percent of the
19 total cost of a project that is initiated by a municipality, corpora-
20 tion, or an individual under regulations adopted by the department.

21 (e) The department may adopt regulations necessary to carry out
22 the purposes of this chapter.

23 (f) The department shall provide an annual status report on the
24 outdoor recreation and historic properties grant program to the legis-
25 lature.

26 (g) As used in this section

27 (1) "department" means the Department of Natural Resources;

28 (2) "fund" means the outdoor recreation and historic prop-
29 erties grant fund established in this section;

1 (3) "historic properties project" means a project for the
2 acquisition, rehabilitation, preservation, and protection of historic
3 sites, buildings, and monuments that meets criteria established by the
4 Historic Sites Advisory Committee;

5 (4) "outdoor recreation project" means a project that will
6 improve and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and
7 visitors to the state and includes, but is not necessarily limited to,
8 the acquisition or development of land or water for

- 9 (A) outdoor sports and playfields;
10 (B) picnic facilities;
11 (C) camping facilities;
12 (D) outdoor swimming facilities;
13 (E) boat launches and transient moorage;
14 (F) fishing and hunting facilities;
15 (G) winter sports facilities;
16 (H) landscaping facilities;
17 (I) recreational, historical and wilderness trails,
18 waterways, and associated facilities and appropriate information
19 markers.

20 Sec. 41.22.070. ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. The
21 division of parks may assist an applicant in planning, preparing
22 applications for outdoor recreation and historic properties grants,
23 and for project administration.

24 * Sec. 3. AS 41.22.010 - 41.22.030 are repealed.

25 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1983.