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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 334 (Finance)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to health resources development; and

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providing for an effective date."

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

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\* Section 1. AS 18.07 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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ARTICLE 3. REGIONAL HEALTH RESOURCES ORGANIZATIONS.

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Sec. 18.07.112. HEALTH SERVICE AREAS. The commissioner shall

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designate three or more health service areas in the state. The bound-

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aries of each health service area shall be coextensive with the bound-

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aries of one or more adjacent organized boroughs or regional educa-

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tional attendance areas. In designating health service areas, the

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commissioner shall assure that each area forms a contiguous and com-

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compact territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively inte-

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grated socio-economic area.

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Sec. 18.07.114. REGIONAL HEALTH RESOURCES ORGANIZATIONS. (a)

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The commissioner shall designate by contract a regional health re-

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sources organization for each health service area.

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(b) An applicant for designation as a regional health resources

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organization shall apply on a form prescribed by the commissioner. An

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application shall include

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(1) a plan for the orderly assumption and implementation of

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the duties of a regional health resources organization;

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(2) assurances satisfactory to the commissioner that the

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applicant meets the eligibility requirements of AS 18.07.116 and is

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qualified to perform or is performing the duties prescribed in

1 AS 18.07.120; and

2 (3) a plan specifying how the applicant will select board  
3 members.

4 (c) A contract under this section shall be for a period of four  
5 years and is renewable. A contract may be terminated before its  
6 expiration date

7 (1) by the regional health resources organization at a time  
8 and with notice to the commissioner as the commissioner may by regula-  
9 tion prescribe; or

10 (2) by the commissioner at a time and with notice to the  
11 regional health resources organization as the commissioner may by  
12 regulation prescribe, if the commissioner determines that the entity  
13 is not complying with or effectively carrying out the provisions of  
14 the contract.

15 Sec. 18.07.116. ELIGIBILITY FOR DESIGNATION. The commissioner  
16 may designate as a regional health resources organization

17 (1) a nonprofit corporation incorporated under AS 10.20 for  
18 the purpose of engaging in health planning and development functions;  
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20 (2) a unified borough government with the capacity to  
21 perform health planning functions and whose planning area is identical  
22 to a health service area.

23 Sec. 18.07.118. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (a) Each regional health  
24 resources organization shall be governed by a board of directors.

25 (b) A board shall include

26 (1) a representative from each regional nonprofit Native  
27 corporation established under 43 U.S.C. 1601 - 1628 (Alaska Native  
28 Claims Settlement Act) and located in the health service area; and

29 (2) members broadly and equitably representative of health

1 care consumers and providers in the organization's health service  
2 area.

3 (c) If a regional health resources organization serves a geo-  
4 graphic area that includes a first or second class borough having a  
5 population greater than 25,000 based on the latest federal census, the  
6 borough assembly may by resolution require that the board of directors  
7 of the organization include as directors the number of borough resi-  
8 dents that corresponds to the total number of directors in the same  
9 proportion that the population of the borough bears to the total popu-  
10 lation of the area served by the organization.

11 Sec. 18.07.120. DUTIES. (a) A regional health resources orga-  
12 nization shall, within the boundaries of its health service area,

13 (1) assist communities in identifying and developing plans  
14 for dealing with health problems of residents;

15 (2) provide direct technical assistance to communities for  
16 implementing those plans;

17 (3) assist in the development and maintenance of public  
18 information and advocacy programs for the promotion of health and the  
19 prevention of disease and illness;

20 (4) assemble and analyze data relating to health matters  
21 and coordinate data collection activities with state and local agen-  
22 cies, regional Alaska Native corporations, and health organizations.

23 (b) A regional health resources organization shall

24 (1) in cooperation with the commissioner, review and pro-  
25 vide comments and recommendations on applications and proposals made  
26 to the department for

27 (A) grants of health service funds that could have a  
28 significant effect on a health service area; and

29 (B) grants for construction and expansion of health

1 care facilities and nursing homes in the organization's health  
2 service area;

3 (2) submit an annual report on its activities to the legis-  
4 lature, the commissioner, and the residents of its health service  
5 area;

6 (3) perform other duties the commissioner may by contract  
7 require.

8 Sec. 18.07.122. GRANTS. (a) The commissioner shall make a  
9 grant in each fiscal year to each regional health resources organiza-  
10 tion. A grant under this subsection shall

11 (1) be made on the conditions the commissioner determines  
12 are appropriate; and

13 (2) be available for obligation for a period not to exceed  
14 the period for which the grantee is designated as a regional health  
15 resources organization.

16 (b) A grant under this section may be used by a regional health  
17 resources organization only

18 (1) for compensation of its personnel and the performance  
19 of its duties;

20 (2) to make payments under contracts with other persons to  
21 assist the regional health resources organization in the performance  
22 of its functions; and

23 (3) to make grants to public and nonprofit private entities  
24 and enter into contracts with individuals and public and nonprofit  
25 private entities to assist them in planning and developing public  
26 information and advocacy projects and programs that the regional  
27 health resources organization determines are necessary for the pro-  
28 motion of health and prevention of disease and illness in its health  
29 service area.

1 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1984.