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SENATE BILL NO. 505

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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

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Pacific Rim fellowship; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.43 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 7. PACIFIC RIM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.

11 Sec. 14.43.505. PURPOSE. The purpose of AS 14.43.505 -- 14.43.-
12 545 is to provide graduate fellowships for Alaskans to study in Pacif-
13 ic Rim countries and citizens of Pacific Rim countries to study in
14 Alaska. The fellowships are established to increase understanding be-
15 tween the people of Alaska and the people of Pacific Rim countries and
16 to enhance and promote international cooperation for educational and
17 cultural exchange and mutual economic benefits.

18 Sec. 14.43.510. FIELDS OF STUDY. A fellowship under AS 14.43.-
19 505 -- 14.43.545 may be awarded for one academic year of study at an
20 eligible institution, in one of the following fields:

- 21 (1) language of the host country;
22 (2) natural resource management, including timber, forest-
23 ry, and fisheries;
24 (3) agriculture;
25 (4) tourism;
26 (5) economics;
27 (6) public administration;
28 (7) business administration; or
29 (8) marketing.

1 Sec. 14.43.515. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY. A person is
2 eligible for a fellowship under AS 14.43.505 -- 14.43.545 if the
3 person

4 (1) is a citizen of the United States or a Pacific Rim
5 country;

6 (2) is a resident of

7 (A) Alaska, as "resident" is defined in AS 14.43.125;

8 or

9 (B) a Pacific Rim country;

10 (3) holds an undergraduate or baccalaureate degree from an
11 institution of higher education;

12 (4) is recommended for a fellowship by an official of the
13 institution of higher education

14 (A) from which the undergraduate or baccalaureate
15 degree was awarded;

16 (B) sponsoring the applicant; or

17 (C) to which the applicant is applying;

18 (5) demonstrates enough language proficiency in the lan-
19 guage of the host country to carry on the proposed study, or makes
20 provision for study of the language of the host country in the plan of
21 study for which the fellowship is sought;

22 (6) applies for and is accepted by an eligible institution
23 for at least one academic year of graduate study in one of the fields
24 listed in AS 14.43.510; and

25 (7) provides the commission with a plan of study for the
26 academic year for which the fellowship is sought.

27 Sec. 14.43.520. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FELLOWSHIPS. (a) A
28 fellowship granted under AS 14.43.505 -- 14.43.545 may not exceed one
29 academic year. A person may not receive more than one fellowship

1 under AS 14.43.505 -- 14.43.545.

2 (b) The amount of a fellowship is determined by adding together
3 the cost of tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, one
4 round trip airfare from the recipient's home to the institution to be
5 attended, and a living stipend of \$900. However, a fellowship under
6 AS 14.43.505 -- 14.43.545 may not exceed \$10,000.

7 (c) To continue to receive money under a fellowship, the recipi-
8 ent must be enrolled as a full-time graduate student in good standing,
9 as defined by the institution of attendance.

10 Sec. 14.43.525. ADMINISTRATION. The commission may adopt regu-
11 lations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62)
12 to implement and make specific the provisions of AS 14.43.505 -- 14.-
13 43.545.

14 Sec. 14.43.530. SELECTION COMMITTEE. (a) The commission shall
15 serve as the selection committee for a fellowship awarded under AS 14.
16 43.505 -- 14.43.545, but may delegate its selection function to a
17 subcommittee. The commission may appoint people from outside the com-
18 mission to serve on the subcommittee.

19 (b) In making its fellowship selection recommendations to the
20 governor, the commission shall consider

21 (1) the previous academic record of the applicant;

22 (2) the applicant's plan of study and relationship of the
23 plan of study to the purposes set out in AS 14.43.505;

24 (3) recommendations received concerning the applicant; and

25 (4) other factors the commission considers appropriate.

26 Sec. 14.43.535. FELLOWSHIP AWARDS. (a) The governor, on the
27 recommendation of the commission, shall make the award of a fellow-
28 ship.

29 (b) No more than half of the number of fellowships awarded for

1 an academic year may be awarded for study in Pacific Rim countries
2 other than the United States.

3 Sec. 14.43.540. FUNDING. The Pacific Rim fellowship program is
4 financed by appropriations from the general fund and from money donat-
5 ed to the state for the purpose of AS 14.43.505 -- 14.43.545.

6 Sec. 14.43.545. DEFINITIONS. In AS 14.43.505 -- 14.43.545

7 (1) "academic year" means the period from August 15 of one
8 calendar year through August 14 of the following calendar year;

9 (2) "commission" means the Alaska Commission on Postsecond-
10 ary Education;

11 (3) "eligible institution" means an institution approved by
12 the commission which offers a degree higher than a baccalaureate de-
13 gree and which is located in Alaska or one of the Pacific Rim coun-
14 tries;

15 (4) "fellowship" means a Pacific Rim fellowship described
16 in AS 14.43.520;

17 (5) "graduate study" means a program of study encompassing
18 work beyond the baccalaureate level; and

19 (6) "Pacific Rim country" means a country, bordering the
20 North or South Pacific Ocean or adjacent seas, which has common inter-
21 ests with Alaska in matters affecting trade and commerce.

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