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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 531

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Commission on Alaska's
7 Future."

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

9 * Section 1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE. The purpose of the Commission on
10 Alaska's Future is to assist in the development of goals, policy options,
11 and recommendations to help guide state government into the second quarter
12 of the State of Alaska's first century. The commission is to consider
13 topics pertinent to Alaska's future in the context of the next 25 years so
14 that vital decisions may be made by state officials with an understanding
15 of how the consequences might affect the future of Alaska.

16 * Sec. 2. AS 44 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

17 CHAPTER 89. COMMISSION ON ALASKA'S FUTURE.

18 Sec. 44.89.010. CREATION OF COMMISSION. The Commission on
19 Alaska's Future is established in the Office of the Governor to exam-
20 ine present conditions and the future outlook for the State of Alaska
21 and to make recommendations for Alaska's future to the governor, the
22 legislature, and the public.

23 Sec. 44.89.020. MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AND TERMS. (a) The commis-
24 sion consists of 25 members, including three members of each house of
25 the legislature appointed by the speaker of the house and the presi-
26 dent of the senate and 19 members appointed by the governor in consul-
27 tation with the speaker of the house and the president of the senate.
28 The governor's appointees may include state officials.

29 (b) The governor shall appoint persons to the commission who are

1 outstanding Alaskans who, because of their experience in the state,
2 have the ability to make a significant contribution to the purpose of
3 the commission. The governor shall take into consideration the eco-
4 nomic, cultural, and geographic diversity of the state in making
5 appointments to the commission.

6 (c) The governor shall designate two appointees to serve as
7 chair and vice-chair of the commission.

8 (d) A member appointed by the speaker of the house or the
9 president of the senate shall serve for that member's legislative term
10 of office. The remaining members of the commission shall serve for
11 the duration of the commission. A vacancy in the membership of the
12 commission shall be filled by appointment by the official who made the
13 initial appointment.

14 Sec. 44.89.030. DUTIES. (a) The commission shall examine the
15 effect on the state's future of a limited number of major topics
16 selected by the commission. In regard to these topics, it shall

17 (1) develop goals and policy options;

18 (2) analyze policy choices and assess the costs and conse-
19 quences of alternative choices; and

20 (3) make recommendations to the governor and the legisla-
21 ture by December 1 of each year of the commission's existence.

22 (b) In performing its duties under (a) of this section, the
23 commission shall seek the opinion of the public throughout the state.
24 It may hold hearings, establish advisory committees, and obtain the
25 assistance of experts from inside and outside the state.

26 Sec. 44.89.040. STAFF AND COMPENSATION. (a) The Office of the
27 Governor shall provide staff to the commission.

28 (b) Agencies of the state shall provide the commission with
29 information requested by it.

1 (c) Members of the commission serve without compensation, but
2 are entitled to per diem and transportation expenses provided by law
3 to members of boards and commissions.

4 Sec. 44.89.050. CONVENING THE COMMISSION. (a) The commission
5 may not meet until a call to convene has been issued by the governor.

6 (b) The call issued by the governor shall state the place and
7 time for convening the commission but may not limit the duration nor
8 the scope of the duties of the commission. The governor and the
9 legislature shall suggest topics for the consideration of the commis-
10 sion.

11 * Sec. 3. This Act is repealed June 30, 1988.