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HOUSE BILL NO. 46

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to an avalanche and fire weather forecasting system; and providing for an effective date."

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

* Section 1. AS 18.76.010 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 76. ALASKA AVALANCHE AND FIRE WEATHER FORECASTING [WARNING] SYSTEM.

Sec. 18.76.010. PARTICIPATION IN ALASKA [STATEWIDE] AVALANCHE AND FIRE WEATHER FORECASTING [WARNING] SYSTEM. The Department of Natural Resources [PUBLIC SAFETY], acting in cooperation with a municipality, [OR WITH] an agency of the federal government, or with a private entity, and with technical services support from the Alaska State Climate Center (AS 14.40.085), shall participate in the development and implementation of a statewide avalanche and fire weather forecasting [WARNING] system, and shall represent the state in the operation of that system. The [STATEWIDE] system shall

(1) establish and maintain a service center and primary and supplementary field stations to gather information and data concerning

(A) [GROUND] weather conditions indicating avalanche danger and fire danger; [,]

(B) snow pack and snow stability conditions indicating avalanche danger; [,] and

(C) avalanche activity;

(2) forecast [SNOW] avalanche conditions throughout the

1 state;

2 (3) coordinate a public awareness program on avalanche

3 danger;

4 (4) catalog a comprehensive atlas of avalanche paths and

5 slide occurrences that endanger persons, personal property, or im-

6 provements to real property; [AND]

7 (5) assist local governments and state agencies in identi-

8 fying hazardous avalanche zones and in developing [SNOW] avalanche

9 zoning regulations; and

10 (6) forecast fire weather conditions throughout the state.

11 * Sec. 2. AS 18.76 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 Sec. 18.76.100. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "avalanche" means

13 a snow avalanche or a snow-and-ice avalanche, and does not include a

14 rockslide or a mud slide.

15 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-

16 10.070(c).