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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 169

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

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

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

10 * Section 1. AS 18.76.010 is amended to read:

11 CHAPTER 76. ALASKA AVALANCHE

12 AND FIRE WEATHER FORECASTING [WARNING] SYSTEM.

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

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

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

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

28 (C) avalanche activity;

29 (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 people, 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).