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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 693 (State Affairs)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska research policy."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 ARTICLE 14A. ALASKA RESEARCH POLICY ACT.

10 Sec. 44.19.250. PURPOSE. The purpose of the Alaska Research
11 Policy Act is to establish state research policy, priorities, and
12 goals, and to provide a plan for basic and applied scientific research
13 for the state, including natural resources and materials, physical,
14 biological, and health sciences, and social and behavioral sciences.

15 Sec. 44.19.252. STATEMENT OF POLICY. It is the policy of the
16 state in AS 44.19.250 - 44.19.264, to recognize the important role
17 that scientific and engineering research and science education play
18 for the people of the state and the entire nation. The policy will
19 make it possible to

20 (1) find, develop, and manage the natural renewable and
21 nonrenewable resources of the state's land and water economically and
22 in an environmentally acceptable fashion;

23 (2) manage the unique features of the environment, fauna,
24 and flora of the state and protect them from harmful man-made and
25 natural influences;

26 (3) investigate and mitigate the effects of natural hazards
27 such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, avalanches, permafrost, and
28 other hazards that occur in the state;

29 (4) construct, operate, and maintain transportation

1 systems, communications, housing, and other facilities suited to the
2 state's conditions;

3 (5) develop new technologies adapted to the unique con-
4 ditions and needs of the state;

5 (6) improve the health and well being throughout the life
6 cycle of the state's inhabitants; and

7 (7) identify and address future social and economic chal-
8 lenges facing the state.

9 Sec. 44.19.254. SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING ADVISORY COMMISSION.
10 The science and engineering advisory commission is established as a
11 permanent advisory agency in the Office of the Governor.

12 Sec. 44.19.256. MEMBERS OF COMMISSION. (a) The commission is
13 composed of five members appointed by the governor as follows:

14 (1) one member is to be appointed from individuals from the
15 academic institutions of the state with expertise in areas of research
16 relating to the state including the physical, biological, health,
17 environmental, social, and behavioral sciences;

18 (2) one member is to be appointed from individuals who are
19 engaged in activities furthering the welfare of the human and physical
20 environment and who have expertise in areas of research relating to
21 the state, including the physical, biological, health, environmental,
22 social, and behavioral sciences;

23 (3) one member is to be appointed from state departments
24 with research needs; and

25 (4) one member is to be appointed from individuals familiar
26 with the state and representative of the needs and interests of pri-
27 vate industry;

28 (5) the senior science advisor in the governor's office,
29 who serves as chairman and director of the commission.

1 (b) The members must be residents of the state and must be
2 appointed without regard to political affiliation or geographical
3 location of residence in the state.

4 Sec. 44.19.258. TERM OF MEMBERS OF COMMISSION. Members of the
5 commission, other than the senior science advisor, serve staggered
6 terms of four years and until a successor qualifies and is appointed.

7 Sec. 44.19.260. EXPENSES AND PER DIEM. A member of the commis-
8 sion serves without compensation but is entitled to travel expenses
9 and per diem prescribed for state boards and commissions under AS 39.-
10 20.180.

11 Sec. 44.19.262. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. The commission shall

12 (1) with the senior science advisor, develop and recommend
13 an integrated state research policy;

14 (2) provide policy information to the governor and the
15 legislature on matters that have scientific and engineering signifi-
16 cance;

17 (3) receive scientific and engineering information from the
18 academic and industrial communities;

19 (4) act in an advocacy role for scientific and engineering
20 issues and science education important to the state that might other-
21 wise be overlooked;

22 (5) assist state agencies in assessing research needs and
23 establishing priorities among them;

24 (6) facilitate cooperation between state agencies and the
25 University of Alaska and other academic institutions and industry;

26 (7) recommend methods to improve logistical planning and
27 support for needed state research;

28 (8) suggest methods for improving efficient sharing and
29 dissemination of data and information in the state among interested

1 public and private institutions;

2 (9) promote science education and training for young scien-
3 tists and engineers to pursue careers in the state and the arctic.

4 (10) cooperate with the Federal Arctic Research Commission
5 in the formulation of the arctic research policy; and

6 (11) not later than September 30 of each year, present to
7 the governor the commission's recommended research priorities of the
8 state for the next fiscal year.

9 Sec. 44.19.264. SHORT TITLE. AS 44.19.250 - 44.19.264 may be
10 cited as the Alaska Research Policy Act.

11 * Sec. 2. Notwithstanding AS 44.19.258, added by sec. 1 of this Act,
12 the initial terms of members of the science and engineering advisory com-
13 mission, other than the senior science advisor, shall be set under AS 39.-
14 05.055(2).