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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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SENATE BILL NO. 59

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST 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:

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ARTICLE 7. PACIFIC RIM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.

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Sec. 14.43.505. PURPOSE. The purpose of AS 14.43.505 -- 14.43.-

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545 is to provide fellowships for Alaskans to study in Pacific Rim

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countries and citizens of Pacific Rim countries to study in Alaska.

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The fellowships are established to increase understanding between the

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people of Alaska and the people of Pacific Rim countries and to en-

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hance and promote international cooperation for educational and cul-

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tural exchange and mutual economic benefits.

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Sec. 14.43.510. FIELDS OF STUDY. A fellowship under AS 14.43.-

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505 -- 14.43.545 may be awarded for one academic year of study in one

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of the following fields:

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(1) language of the host country;

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(2) natural resource management and development;

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(3) marketing, business administration, economics, and

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trade;

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(4) public administration and policy development; or

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(5) health education and culture.

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Sec. 14.43.515. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY. A person is

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eligible for a fellowship under AS 14.43.505 -- 14.43.545 if the

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person

- 1 (1) is a citizen of the United States or a Pacific Rim  
2 country;
- 3 (2) is a resident of  
4 (A) Alaska, as "resident" is defined in AS 14.43.125;  
5 or  
6 (B) a Pacific Rim country;
- 7 (3) holds an undergraduate or baccalaureate degree from an  
8 institution of higher education;
- 9 (4) is recommended for a fellowship by an official of the  
10 institution of higher education  
11 (A) from which the undergraduate or baccalaureate  
12 degree was awarded;  
13 (B) sponsoring the applicant; or  
14 (C) to which the applicant is applying;
- 15 (5) demonstrates enough language proficiency in the lan-  
16 guage of the host country to carry on the proposed study, or makes  
17 provision for study of the language of the host country in the plan of  
18 study for which the fellowship is sought;
- 19 (6) applies for and is accepted by an eligible institution  
20 for at least one academic year of study in one of the fields listed in  
21 AS 14.43.510; and
- 22 (7) provides the commission with a plan of study for the  
23 academic year for which the fellowship is sought.

24 Sec. 14.43.520. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FELLOWSHIPS. (a) A  
25 fellowship granted under AS 14.43.505 -- 14.43.545 is for one academic  
26 year. A person may not receive more than two fellowships under  
27 AS 14.43.505 -- 14.43.545.

28 (b) The amount of a fellowship is determined by adding together  
29 the cost of tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, one

1 round trip airfare from the recipient's home to the institution to be  
2 attended, and a living stipend of \$900. However, a fellowship under  
3 AS 14.43.505 -- 14.43.545 may not exceed \$10,000.

4 Sec. 14.43.525. ADMINISTRATION. The commission may adopt regu-  
5 lations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62)  
6 to implement and make specific the provisions of AS 14.43.505 -- 14.-  
7 43.545.

8 Sec. 14.43.530. SELECTION COMMITTEE. (a) The commission shall  
9 serve as the selection committee for a fellowship awarded under  
10 AS 14.43.505 -- 14.43.545, but may delegate its selection function to  
11 a subcommittee. The commission may appoint people from outside the  
12 commission to serve on the subcommittee.

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

- 15 (1) the previous academic record of the applicant;  
16 (2) the applicant's plan of study and relationship of the  
17 plan of study to the purposes set out in AS 14.43.505;  
18 (3) recommendations received concerning the applicant; and  
19 (4) other factors the commission considers appropriate.

20 Sec. 14.43.535. FELLOWSHIP AWARDS. (a) The governor, on the  
21 recommendation of the commission, shall make the award of a fellow-  
22 ship.

23 (b) No more than half of the number of fellowships awarded for  
24 an academic year may be awarded for study in Pacific Rim countries  
25 other than the United States.

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

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

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

3 (2) "commission" means the Alaska Commission on Postsecond-  
4 ary Education;

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

9 (4) "fellowship" means a Pacific Rim fellowship described  
10 in AS 14.43.520;

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

14 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1985.