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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE LABOR AND  
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 59 (L&C)

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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  
7 program; and 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 8. PACIFIC RIM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.

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Sec. 14.43.705. PURPOSE. The purpose of AS 14.43.705 - 14.43.-

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800 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. 14.43.710. FIELDS OF STUDY. A fellowship may be awarded

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for one academic year of study in one or more 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. 14.43.715. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY. A person is

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eligible for a fellowship if the person

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(1) is a citizen of the United States or a Pacific Rim

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country;

- 1 (2) is a resident of  
2 (A) Alaska, as "resident" is defined in AS 14.43.125;  
3 or  
4 (B) a Pacific Rim country;  
5 (3) demonstrates enough language proficiency in the lan-  
6 guage of the host country to carry on the proposed study, or makes  
7 provision for study of the language of the host country in the plan of  
8 study for which the fellowship is sought;  
9 (4) applies for and is accepted by an eligible institution  
10 for at least one academic year of study in one of the fields listed in  
11 AS 14.43.710; and  
12 (5) provides the commission with a plan of study for the  
13 academic year for which the fellowship is sought.

14 Sec. 14.43.720. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FELLOWSHIPS. (a) A  
15 fellowship is for one academic year. A person may not receive more  
16 than two fellowships.

17 (b) The amount of a fellowship is determined by adding together  
18 the cost of tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, one  
19 round trip airfare from the recipient's home to the institution to be  
20 attended, and a living stipend of \$900. However, a fellowship may not  
21 exceed \$10,000.

22 Sec. 14.43.725. ADMINISTRATION. The commission may adopt regu-  
23 lations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62)  
24 to implement and make specific the provisions of AS 14.43.705 - 14.-  
25 43.800.

26 Sec. 14.43.730. SELECTION COMMITTEE. (a) The commission shall  
27 serve as the selection committee for a fellowship awarded under  
28 AS 14.43.705 - 14.43.800, but may delegate its selection function to a  
29 subcommittee. The commission may appoint people from outside the

1 commission to serve on the subcommittee.

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

4 (1) the previous academic record of the applicant;

5 (2) the applicant's plan of study and relationship of the  
6 plan of study to the purposes set out in AS 14.43.705;

7 (3) recommendations received concerning the applicant; and

8 (4) other factors the commission considers appropriate.

9 Sec. 14.43.735. FELLOWSHIP AWARDS. (a) The governor, on the  
10 recommendation of the commission, shall make the award of a fellow-  
11 ship.

12 (b) The majority of fellowships shall be awarded to Alaskan  
13 students studying in Pacific Rim countries. The remaining fellowships  
14 may be awarded to students from Pacific Rim countries for study in  
15 Alaska.

16 Sec. 14.43.740. FUNDING. The Pacific Rim fellowship program is  
17 financed by appropriations from the general fund and from money donat-  
18 ed to the state for the purposes of AS 14.43.705 - 14.43.800.

19 Sec. 14.43.800. DEFINITIONS. In AS 14.43.705 - 14.43.800

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

22 (2) "commission" means the Alaska Commission on Postsecond-  
23 ary Education;

24 (3) "eligible institution" means an institution approved by  
25 the commission located in Alaska or one of the Pacific Rim countries;

26 (4) "fellowship" means a Pacific Rim fellowship described  
27 in AS 14.43.720;

28 (5) "Pacific Rim country" means a country, other than the  
29 United States, bordering the North or South Pacific Ocean or adjacent

- 1 seas, that has common interests with Alaska in matters affecting trade
- 2 and commerce.
- 3 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1985.