

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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HOUSE BILL NO. 253

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Alaska Research Policy Act
7 and the science and engineering advisory commission;
8 and providing for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 44.19.257(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) The commission is composed of seven [FIVE] members appointed
12 by the governor as follows:

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

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

22 (3) one member is to be appointed from state departments
23 with research needs; [AND]

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

27 (5) one member is to be appointed from individuals with
28 experience in national and international research programs;

29 (6) one member is to be appointed from the general public;

1 and

2 (7) the senior science advisor in the governor's office,
3 who serves as chairman and director of the commission.

4 * Sec. 2. AS 44.19.263 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 44.19.263. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. (a) The
6 commission shall

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

9 (2) provide policy information to the governor and the leg-
10 islature on matters that have scientific and engineering significance;

11 (3) receive scientific and engineering information from the
12 academic and industrial communities;

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

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

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

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

22 (8) suggest methods for improving efficient sharing and
23 dissemination of data and information in the state among interested
24 public and private institutions;

25 (9) promote science education and training for young scien-
26 tists and engineers to pursue careers in the state and the Arctic;

27 (10) cooperate with the Federal Arctic Research Commission
28 in the formulation of the Arctic research policy; and

29 (11) not later than September 30 of each year, present to

1 the governor the commission's recommended research priorities of the
2 state for the next fiscal year.

3 (b) The commission may

4 (1) receive money from private and government sources;

5 (2) award grants to accomplish the purposes of AS 44.19.251

6 -- 44.19.265.

7 * Sec. 3. AS 44.19 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 Sec. 44.19.264. APPROPRIATIONS. Appropriations made for the
9 purposes of AS 44.19.251 -- 44.19.265 are not one-year appropriations
10 and do not lapse under AS 37.25.010.

11 * Sec. 4. Notwithstanding AS 44.19.259, the initial terms of members of
12 the science and engineering advisory commission appointed under AS 44.19.-
13 257(a)(5) and (6), enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, are for three years.

14 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).