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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 94 (Resources) am  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 A BILL  
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act adopting a mineral policy for the state; and  
7 providing for an effective date."  
8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
9 \* Section 1. AS 44.99 is amended by adding a new section to read:  
10 Sec. 44.99.110. DECLARATION OF STATE MINERAL POLICY; CIVIL  
11 ACTION. The legislature, acting under art. VIII, sec. 1 of the Con-  
12 stitution of the State of Alaska, in an effort to further the economic  
13 development of the state, to maintain a sound economy and stable  
14 employment, and to encourage responsible economic development within  
15 the state for the benefit of present and future generations through  
16 the purposeful development of the abundant mineral resources within  
17 the state, including metals, industrial minerals, and coal, declares  
18 as the mineral policy of the state that  
19 (1) state land be available and managed for mineral explo-  
20 ration and development through multiple use;  
21 (2) mineral development be encouraged through reasonable  
22 and consistent nonduplicative regulations and administrative stipu-  
23 lations;  
24 (3) the development of a statewide transportation infra-  
25 structure system be encouraged for the purpose of facilitating mineral  
26 development and the entry into the market place of mineral products;  
27 and  
28 (4) the general and public functions of the state that  
29 promote mineral development, inform and educate the public, and

1 advance the knowledge and technology of the mineral industry receive  
2 the support of the state.

3 \* Sec. 2. (a) Within ten months from the effective date of this Act,  
4 each department, board, commission, or agency of the state shall review its  
5 statutory authority, its administrative regulations, and its procedures  
6 applicable to mineral exploration and development to determine whether  
7 there are deficiencies or inconsistencies that must be addressed in order  
8 to comply with the policy enacted in sec. 1 of this Act.

9 (b) Each department, board, commission, or agency of the state shall  
10 forward its comments and recommendations to the commissioner of natural  
11 resources. The commissioner of natural resources shall assemble the com-  
12 ments and recommendations and forward them to the governor and the legisla-  
13 ture within the first 60 days of the Second Session of the Fifteenth Alaska  
14 State Legislature.

15 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).