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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 137 (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6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to state land withdrawn from mineral  
7 location or mining."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 38.05.185 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

10 (d) The commissioner shall submit a report to the legislature  
11 and to the governor within the first 10 days of the convening of each  
12 regular session of the legislature detailing the state land closed to  
13 mineral location and mining during the previous calendar year. The  
14 report shall include

15 (1) the known resource values of the area;  
16 (2) the reason for the closure;  
17 (3) the effective date of the closure; and  
18 (4) the legal description of the land involved in the  
19 closure.

20 (e) Each area closed under (a) of this section remains closed to  
21 mineral location and mining until the commissioner issues an order  
22 altering the status of the land or until the closure is disapproved by  
23 act of the legislature. In addition to an act of the legislature  
24 disapproving a closure by the commissioner, the legislature may by  
25 resolution make recommendations to the commissioner on future manage-  
26 ment of the area involved.

27 (f) Each report prepared under (d) of this section that reports  
28 on an area of more than 5,120 acres shall include a mineral assessment  
29 report for the area.

1 (g) Every 10 years, the commissioner shall submit a report to  
2 the governor and the legislature concerning state land that is at that  
3 time withdrawn from mineral location or mining, including state land  
4 withdrawn from multiple use by the legislature. The commissioner may  
5 make recommendations in each report regarding existing closures of  
6 state land.

7 \* Sec. 2. Notwithstanding AS 38.05.185(g), as enacted by sec. 1 of this  
8 Act, the first report to the governor and legislature shall be delivered to  
9 the legislature five years after the effective date of this Act.