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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE SENATE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE ON OIL AND GAS

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SENATE BILL NO. 182

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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 state oil and gas lease sales."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 38.05.035(e) is amended to read:

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(e) Upon a written finding that the interests of the state will
10 be best served, the director may, with the consent of the commis-
11 sioner, approve contracts for the sale, lease, or other disposal of
12 available land, resources, property or interests in them, and, in
13 addition to the conditions and limitations imposed by law, may impose
14 additional conditions or limitations in the contracts as the director
15 determines, with the consent of the commissioner, will best serve the
16 interests of the state. A contract for the sale, lease, or other
17 disposal of available land or an interest in land is not legally
18 binding on the state until the commissioner approves the contract but
19 if the appraised value is not greater than \$50,000 in the case of the
20 sale of land or an interest in land, or \$5,000 in the case of the
21 annual rental of land or interest in land, the director may execute
22 the contract without the approval of the commissioner. Before a
23 public hearing, if held, or in any case no less than 21 days before
24 the sale, lease, or other disposal of available land, property, re-
25 sources, or interests in them, the director shall make available to
26 the public a written finding that sets out the facts and applicable
27 law upon which the determination that the sale, lease, or other dis-
28 posal will best serve the interests of the state was based. A written
29 finding is not required before the approval of

- 1 (1) a contract for a negotiated sale authorized under
2 AS 38.05.115;
- 3 (2) a lease of land for a shore fishery site under AS 38.-
4 05.082;
- 5 (3) a permit or other authorization revocable by the com-
6 missioner;
- 7 (4) a mineral claim located under AS 38.05.195;
- 8 (5) a mineral lease issued under AS 38.05.205; [OR]
- 9 (6) a production license issued under AS 38.05.207; or
- 10 (7) an oil or gas lease sale under AS 38.05.180(d), if
11 within 36 months before the lease sale a written finding under this
12 subsection has been made for the area of the proposed lease sale or
13 for an area that is contiguous with or adjacent to the area of the
14 proposed lease sale.