

Original sponsor: Rules/Governor

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 238 (Finance)  
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 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  
26 private 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. POWER AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. The commis-  
6        sion 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  
10       legislature on matters that have scientific and engineering signifi-  
11       cance;

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

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

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

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

21                (7) recommend methods to improve logistical planning and  
22       support for scientific and engineering research conducted in the state  
23       by state, federal, or international agencies, private industry, the  
24       general public, or private research organizations [NEEDED STATE  
25       RESEARCH];

26                (8) recommend [SUGGEST] methods for improving efficient  
27       acquisition, storage, transfer, [SHARING] and dissemination of scien-  
28       tific and engineering data and information [IN THE STATE] among inter-  
29       ested public and private institutions and the general public;

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

3           (10) cooperate with the federal [FEDERAL] Arctic Research  
4 Commission in the formulation of the Arctic research policy; and

5           (11) not later than September 30 of each year, present to  
6 the governor the commission's recommended research priorities of the  
7 state for the next fiscal year.

8 \* Sec. 3. AS 44.19.263 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9           (b) The commission may

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

11           (2) award contracts and grants to accomplish the purposes  
12 of AS 44.19.251 - 44.19.265.

13 \* Sec. 4. AS 44.19 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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

17 \* Sec. 5. Notwithstanding AS 44.19.259, the initial terms of members of  
18 the science and engineering advisory commission appointed under AS 44.19.-  
19 257(a)(5) and (6), enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, are for three years.

20 \* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).