

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 284

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act making a grant of state land to the City of  
7 Nome; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. (a) The legislature finds that

10 (1) the City of Nome, Alaska, is uniquely lacking in available  
11 private land;

12 (2) the City of Nome has received no general grant land entitle-  
13 ment under AS 29.18.201 -- 29.18.213;

14 (3) the residents of King Island, Alaska, located northwest of  
15 the City of Nome, lost their housing as a result of a natural disaster that  
16 occurred on the island, and subsequently sought housing in Nome;

17 (4) the City of Nome, in response to the need to house the  
18 former residents of King Island, and other Nome residents, secured the  
19 development of 50 units of federally subsidized housing known as Beringvue  
20 by entering into a cooperation agreement with the then Alaska State Housing  
21 Authority (now known as the Alaska State Building Authority);

22 (5) the requirements of that cooperation agreement and the  
23 circumstances that have arisen since the original development of the  
24 Beringvue project have served to increase the economic burdens placed on  
25 the City of Nome in providing utility and other public services to the  
26 project beyond those burdens originally contemplated; and

27 (6) the efforts of the City of Nome to date have not ameliorated  
28 the severe financial burdens on that city associated with the Beringvue  
29 project.

1 (b) The legislature seeks to correct this inequitable situation by  
2 providing a grant of state land to the City of Nome.

3 \* Sec. 2. The commissioner of natural resources shall convey to the  
4 City of Nome in fee simple a portion of the land lying within Section 26,  
5 Township 11 South, Range 34 West, Kateel River Meridian, more particularly  
6 described as follows:

7 That portion of Block 135 Nome Townsite, U.S. Survey 451 more  
8 particularly described as follows: Commencing at Corner No. 11 of the  
9 Arthur, Broncho, Cephei, Dandy, Eureka, Famous, Golden and Harriet  
10 Placer, M.S. 1339 from which U.S.L.M. 1-C bears S 72°55' W 1155 feet  
11 more or less, proceed S 14°13' W 192 feet to a point on the line  
12 between Corner No. 11 and Corner No. 12 of Arthur, Broncho, Cephei,  
13 Dandy, Eureka, Famous, Golden and Harriet Placer, M.S. 1339, the true  
14 place of beginning which is Corner No. 1 of Slaughter House Site;  
15 proceed S 14°13' W 175 feet to Corner No. 2; then N 64°41' W 287 feet  
16 to Corner No. 3; then N 25°19' E 170 feet to Corner No. 4; then S  
17 64°41' E 252 feet to the true place of beginning, the whole containing  
18 1.052 acres more or less;

19 Also known as Other State Land 417.

20 \* Sec. 3. The conveyance shall be made subject to prior existing  
21 rights, including the Memorandum of Agreement dated April 1, 1986 between  
22 the Department of Natural Resources, division of agriculture, and the  
23 University of Alaska, and subject to platted easements and rights-of-way.

24 \* Sec. 4. The City of Nome may sell land granted under this Act only  
25 after public notice and by a competitive method.

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