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Committee

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 160 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska neighborhood re-
7 vitalization initiative."

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

9 * Section 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of AS 44.33.436 - 44.33.438, added
10 by sec. 2 of this Act, is to promote neighborhood revitalization and devel-
11 opment through local initiatives of the state's communities with the assis-
12 tance of financial institutions and the state.

13 * Sec. 2. AS 44.33 is amended by adding new sections to read:

14 ARTICLE 6B. NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

15 Sec. 44.33.436. NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT
16 FUND. There is created the neighborhood revitalization and develop-
17 ment fund, to be administered by the commissioner. The commissioner
18 shall deposit to the credit of the fund

19 (1) grants and contributions to the fund; and

20 (2) appropriations to the fund.

21 Sec. 44.33.437. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The commissioner may
22 use money in the fund

23 (1) to pay the costs of administration of the neighborhood
24 revitalization and development program, not to exceed \$90,000 during a
25 fiscal year, if approved by the legislature by appropriation; and

26 (2) to make grants to nonprofit development corporations
27 that qualify for assistance from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corpo-
28 ration organized under 42 U.S.C. 8101-8107 (Neighborhood Reinvestment
29 Corporation Act) for neighborhood housing services, neighborhood

1 revitalization, and economic development projects in a community.

2 (b) In its administration of the grant program, the department
3 shall, consistent with the purpose of AS 44.33.436 - 44.33.438 and the
4 amounts available to make grants to qualifying nonprofit development
5 corporations under (a)(2) of this section, equitably distribute the
6 grants, giving priority to the award of grants

7 (1) in communities that have demonstrated significant
8 community support for the proposed projects;

9 (2) that will generate maximum local employment; and

10 (3) that will have the best potential to attract matching
11 revenues from other public and private sources.

12 (c) A qualifying nonprofit development corporation that receives
13 a grant under (b) of this section may use the grant only for loans to
14 qualified borrowers and for development costs authorized under 42
15 U.S.C. 8101 - 8107 that are associated with project development.

16 (d) The commissioner shall adopt regulations necessary to carry
17 out the department's functions under AS 44.33.436 - 44.33.438.

18 (e) The commissioner shall provide for an annual audit of the
19 grants to nonprofit development corporations made under this section.

20 Sec. 44.33.438. DEFINITIONS. In AS 44.33.436 - 44.33.438

21 (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of commerce and
22 economic development;

23 (2) "community" means

24 (A) a municipality; and

25 (B) a place that is not incorporated as a city and in
26 which 100 or more persons reside as a social unit;

27 (3) "department" means the Department of Commerce and
28 Economic Development;

29 (4) "fund" means the neighborhood revitalization and

1 development fund established in AS 44.33.436.

2 * Sec. 3. AS 44.33.520 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

3 (31) administer the neighborhood revitalization and develop-
4 ment program under AS 44.33.436 - 44.33.438.