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\$500,000

1 IN THE SENATE

BY STURGULEWSKI

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SENATE BILL NO. 145

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Administration for payment as a grant to the Alaska Native Cultural Center Corporation; and providing for an effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (a) The legislature finds that

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(1) in order to encourage and foster economic development in the state, particularly tourism, more attractions are needed to create visitor demand;

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(2) visitor demand is essential to ensuring that Alaska is considered a desirable destination point;

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(3) facilities unique to the state are of great interest to visitors and residents alike; the creation of more tourist facilities will increase the number of visitors to the state and encourage short-term visitors to lengthen their stay and visit other areas of the state;

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(4) the richness of the state's cultural fabric is of interest not only to Alaskans but to the rest of the world; Alaska Native culture is unique to the state; it is in the best interests of the state to preserve traditional Alaska Native history and to foster contemporary Alaska Native culture;

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(5) presenting Alaska's Eskimo, Indian, Aleut, and Tlingit-Haida cultures through art, dance, music, song, storytelling, and food is a way to enhance Alaskans' appreciation and enjoyment of the state's unique heritage and to attract visitors from many other different cultures as well;

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1 (6) the Alaska Native Cultural Center in Anchorage will serve as
2 a visitor attraction, a repository of Native history, and a source of
3 employment for Alaskans.

4 (b) It is the purpose of this Act to encourage the building of an
5 Alaska Native Cultural Center in Anchorage, Alaska.

6 * Sec. 2. The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated from the general fund to
7 the Department of Administration for payment as a grant under AS 37.05.316
8 to the Alaska Native Cultural Center Corporation for Phase I, including
9 planning and design, of the Alaska Native Cultural Center in Anchorage,
10 Alaska.

11 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).