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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 150

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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

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a senior housing office in the

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Older Alaskans Commission."

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

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* Section 1. AS 44.21 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 44.21.202. SENIOR HOUSING OFFICE. There is established in

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the commission a senior housing office. The office shall promote a

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comprehensive response to the needs of senior citizens for adequate,

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accessible, secure, and affordable housing in the state. In order to

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fulfill this purpose, the commission may

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(1) study the needs of senior citizens in the state for

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housing to meet their needs;

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(2) seek funding from appropriate sources for the develop-

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ment of housing alternatives for senior citizens;

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(3) cooperate with other public and private agencies to

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respond to the housing needs of senior citizens;

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(4) offer public education programs to increase the aware-

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ness of alternatives to large residential facilities for senior citi-

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(5) provide information to senior citizens to help them

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understand their financial options related to homes they might already

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own, including information on home equity conversion and home sharing;

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(6) disseminate information to construction contractors to

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educate them about remodeling projects that would meet the needs of

1 many senior citizens for accessible and secure housing.