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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MOYER, Koponen

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act creating the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation; providing for the lease
2 of state land to the corporation; providing an exemption from municipal sales and use
3 taxes for space-related activities."

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1. SHORT TITLE.** This Act may be known as the Alaska Aerospace Development
6 Corporation Act.

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.40 is amended by adding new sections to read:

8 **ARTICLE 7. ALASKA AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.**

9 **Sec. 14.40.821. CREATION OF CORPORATION.** The Alaska Aerospace Development
10 Corporation is created as a public corporation of the state. The corporation is a body corporate
11 and politic located for administrative purposes within the Department of Commerce and
12 Economic Development and affiliated with the University of Alaska but with a separate and
13 independent legal existence.

14 **Sec. 14.40.826. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** (a) The board of directors of the corporation

1 consists of nine members appointed by the governor as follows:

2 (1) one member of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska;

3 (2) the president or the designee of the president of the University of Alaska;

4 (3) the director of the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska;

5 (4) the executive director of the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation;

6 (5) the commissioner of commerce and economic development or the
7 commissioner's designee;

8 (6) an expert with experience and understanding of the aerospace or commercial
9 space industry with an emphasis in industry marketing practices;

10 (7) one faculty member of the University of Alaska with research interests
11 involving rockets or satellites

12 (8) two public members.

13 (b) The members of the corporation described in (a)(6) and (8) of this section may be
14 nonresidents of the state. The term of the members described in (a)(1), (6), and (8) of this
15 section is four years and those terms shall be staggered.

16 (c) Members of the corporation described in (a)(6) and (8) of this section receive \$100
17 compensation for each day spent on official business of the corporation.

18 (d) Members of the corporation are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized
19 under AS 39.20.180.

20 Sec. 14.40.831. CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR. The president of the University of Alaska
21 or the designee of the president shall be the chair of the corporation. The commissioner of
22 commerce and economic development or the designee of the commissioner shall be vice-chair
23 of the corporation. The vice-chair presides over all meetings in the absence of the chair and has
24 other duties the corporation may direct.

25 Sec. 14.40.836. MEETINGS; STAFF. (a) A majority of the members of the corporation
26 constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business or the exercise of a power or function at a
27 meeting of the corporation. The corporation shall meet at least every three months. The
28 corporation may meet and transact business by electronic media if (1) public notice of the time
29 and locations where the meeting will be held by electronic media has been given in the same
30 manner as if the meeting were held in a single location; (2) participants and members of the
31 public in attendance can hear and have the same right to participate in the meeting as if the

1 meeting were conducted in person; and (3) copies of pertinent reference materials, statutes,
2 regulations, and audio-visual materials are reasonably available to participants and the public.
3 A meeting by electronic media as provided in this subsection has the same legal effect as a
4 meeting in person.

5 (b) The corporation may employ persons as staff it considers advisable, including an
6 executive director, and may employ professional advisors, technical experts, agents, and other
7 employees it considers advisable. The executive director and employees of the corporation are
8 in the exempt service under AS 39.25.

9 (c) The corporation may retain legal counsel.

10 (d) The corporation shall keep minutes of each meeting and send a certified copy of the
11 minutes to the governor and to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee.

12 Sec. 14.40.841. ALASKA AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
13 REVOLVING FUND. The Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation revolving fund is
14 established in the corporation. The revolving fund consists of appropriations made to the
15 revolving fund by the legislature, and rents, fees, or other money or assets transferred to the
16 revolving fund by the corporation. Amounts deposited in the revolving fund may be pledged to
17 the payment of bonds of the corporation or expended for the purposes of the corporation under
18 this chapter.

19 Sec. 14.40.846. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY; INSURANCE COVERAGE; SAFETY
20 PROGRAM. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the corporation retains the
21 sovereign immunity of the state and that immunity is waived only as provided in AS 09.50 and
22 (d) of this section.

23 (b) The corporation may engage actuarial experts and shall develop probability models
24 to indicate the degree of potential harm to the public and private enterprise from the corporation's
25 activities.

26 (c) The corporation shall, to the extent available, secure insurance coverage within
27 reasonable limits for liability that may arise as a consequence of its activities and to insure its
28 buildings, structures, and other facilities against loss.

29 (d) To the extent the corporation is able to obtain insurance coverage, the sovereign
30 immunity of the state is waived to the extent of the insurance coverage.

31 (e) The corporation shall establish a safety program that includes

- 1 (1) the development and implementation of a loss prevention program consisting
2 of a comprehensive corporation wide safety program, including a statement by the board, of
3 safety policy and responsibility and regulations implementing it;
- 4 (2) provision for regular and periodic facility and equipment inspections;
- 5 (3) investigation of job-related accidents and other accidents occurring on the
6 premises of the corporation or within areas of its jurisdiction;
- 7 (4) establishment of a program to promote increased safety awareness among
8 employees, agents, and subcontractors of the corporation;
- 9 (5) study of safety operations at other space-related facilities in the United States.

10 Sec. 14.40.851. SPACE ACTIVITIES LOCATION. The Poker Flat Research Range
11 constitutes the location and launch site for the corporation. Other sites may be developed and
12 utilized if determined by the board to be necessary.

13 Sec. 14.40.856. FEDERAL AIR SPACE NOTIFICATION. In coordination with the
14 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, the corporation shall develop and file the
15 federal air space notification required for air space use. To the extent that notification of air
16 space use has already been filed by the University of Alaska, that filing shall, if possible under
17 federal law, be amended to include the corporation.

18 Sec. 14.40.861. PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION. The purpose of the corporation
19 is to allow the state to take a lead role in the exploration and development of space, to enhance
20 human and economic development, and to provide a unified direction

21 (1) for space-related economic growth thereby ensuring a stable and dynamic
22 research and business climate by attracting space-related businesses to locate within and utilize
23 the opportunities provided in the state;

24 (2) for space-related educational and research development by encouraging and
25 assisting the University of Alaska in developing space-related programs, research, and courses
26 of instruction and to assist the University of Alaska as a member of the Space Grant State
27 Consortia under 42 U.S.C. 2486 (National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program);

28 (3) to promote the continued utilization of the Poker Flat Research Range as a
29 launch site for launch vehicles and for scientific research both from ground based and rocket or
30 balloon based instrumentation;

31 (4) to recognize the importance and benefits of and to promote and encourage the

1 continued utilization of Poker Flat Research Range for the University of Alaska's polar research
2 efforts;

3 (5) for promotion of space-related tourism activities at Poker Flat Research Range
4 and other space-related facilities or centers that may be utilized or established by the corporation;
5 and

6 (6) for development of a state strategy for and to implement the acceleration of
7 space-related economic growth and educational and research development in the state by the use
8 of innovative development methods designed to stimulate space-related business and educational
9 and research development and improve the entrepreneurial atmosphere in the state.

10 Sec. 14.40.866. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CORPORATION. (a) In furtherance
11 of its corporate purposes, the corporation has the following powers in addition to its other
12 powers:

13 (1) to sue and be sued;

14 (2) to adopt a seal;

15 (3) to have perpetual succession;

16 (4) to adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws and regulations;

17 (5) to make and execute contracts and other instruments;

18 (6) in its own name to acquire property, lease, rent, convey, or acquire by eminent
19 domain under AS (09.55.240) - (09.55.460), or otherwise, real and personal property; provided that
20 a project site or part of a project site may not be acquired by eminent domain until the
21 corporation has secured, through negotiation, options for the purchase of at least 50 percent of
22 the properties included in the site; in an eminent domain proceeding, the court may, upon motion
23 and after a hearing, fix the time when and the terms upon which the parties in possession are
24 required to surrender possession to the corporation; the Poker Flat Research Range may not be
25 acquired by eminent domain;

26 (7) to issue bonds and otherwise to incur indebtedness, in accordance with
27 AS 14.40.891, in order to pay the cost of a project or projects to construct or improve launch
28 facilities or other space and aerospace projects or in order to provide money for the corporation's
29 purposes under this chapter; the corporation may also secure payment of the bonds or other
30 indebtedness as provided in this chapter;

31 (8) to accept gifts, grants, or loans from, and enter into contracts or other

- 1 transactions regarding them with, a federal agency or an agency or instrumentality of the state,
2 a municipality, private organization, or other source;
- 3 (9) to enter into contracts or agreements with a federal agency, agency or
4 instrumentality of the state, municipality, or public or private individual or entity, with respect
5 to the exercise of its powers, and do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its corporate
6 purposes and exercise the powers granted in this chapter;
- 7 (10) to own, acquire, construct, develop, create, reconstruct, equip, operate,
8 maintain, extend, and improve launch sites, launch pads, landing areas, ranges, payload facilities,
9 laboratories, space business incubators, facilities for the construction of rockets and other launch
10 vehicles, and other space facilities and space-related systems, including educational, cultural,
11 tourism, and parking facilities, and space-related initiatives;
- 12 (11) to undertake a program of advertising to the public and space-related
13 businesses promoting the space-related projects of the corporation and space-related businesses;
- 14 (12) to construct, improve, and operate by itself or in cooperation with the
15 University of Alaska or the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities transportation
16 facilities appropriate to meet the transportation requirements of a facility operated by the
17 corporation;
- 18 (13) to construct, improve, and operate water, sewage, and utility service to a
19 facility operated by the corporation;
- 20 (14) to construct, provide, or improve public safety facilities for a facility operated
21 by the corporation;
- 22 (15) to charge fees, rents, or other charges for the use of a facility or structure
23 developed or operated by the corporation;
- 24 (16) to pledge rents, fees, charges, or other revenue from the use of its services
25 or facilities as security for bonds of the corporation;
- 26 (17) to undertake to finance or develop a space-related project with any agency
27 or authority of the state, its political subdivisions, agencies or authorities of other states, the
28 federal government, foreign governments, or private entities;
- 29 (18) to apply to the federal government for a grant allowing the designation of
30 corporation territory as a foreign trade zone under AS 45.77.010;
- 31 (19) to negotiate agreements for the recovery of a space vehicle, rocket, missile,

1 payload, booster, scientific experiments or other space-related material, debris, or parts with any
2 person or entity, including but not limited to adjacent landowners;

3 (20) to lease the Poker Flat Research Range or portions of it from the University
4 of Alaska and to lease to the University space-related facilities that the corporation may construct
5 or acquire.

6 (b) The corporation shall

7 (1) prepare an annual report of operations to include a balance sheet, an income
8 statement, a statement of changes in financial position, a reconciliation of changes in equity
9 accounts, a summary of significant accounting principles, an auditor's report, comments regarding
10 the year's business, and prospects from the next year; the report shall be provided by the third
11 day of each regular session of the legislature to the governor, the presiding officers of each house
12 of the legislature, the University of Alaska, and the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee;

13 (2) establish a personnel management system for hiring employees and setting
14 employee-benefit packages;

15 (3) establish procedures, rules, and rates governing per diem and travel expenses
16 of the employees of the corporation in substantial conformity to statutes, procedures, rules, and
17 rates governing state employees.

18 Sec. 14.40.871. REGULATIONS. (a) The corporation shall adopt regulations to carry
19 out the purposes of this chapter.

20 (b) Except for AS 44.62.310 and 44.62.312 regarding public meetings, the provisions of
21 AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) regarding the adoption of regulations do not apply to
22 the corporation. The corporation shall make available to members of the public copies of the
23 regulations adopted under this section. Within 45 days after adoption of a regulation under this
24 section, the chair of the corporation shall submit the regulation adopted to the chair of the
25 Administrative Regulation Review Committee under AS 24.20.400 - 24.20.460.

26 (c) The corporation may adopt regulations by motion or by resolution or in another
27 manner permitted by its bylaws.

28 (d) Except as provided in (e) of this section, at least 15 days before the adoption of a
29 regulation, the corporation shall give public notice of the proposed action by publishing the notice
30 in at least three newspapers of general circulation in the state and by mailing a copy of the notice
31 to every person who has filed a request for notice of proposed regulations with the corporation.

1 The public notice must include a statement of the time, place, and nature of the proceedings for
2 the adoption of the regulation and must include an informative summary of the subject of the
3 proposed action. On the date and at the time and place designated in the notice, the corporation
4 shall give each interested person or an authorized representative of the person, or both, the
5 opportunity to present statements, arguments, or contentions orally or in writing and shall give
6 members of the public an opportunity to present oral statements, arguments, or contentions for
7 a total period of at least one hour. The corporation shall consider all relevant matter presented
8 to it before taking the proposed action on the regulation. At a hearing under this subsection, the
9 corporation may continue or postpone the hearing to a time and place determined by the
10 corporation and announced at the hearing before taking the action to continue or postpone the
11 hearing. A regulation adopted by the corporation may vary from the informative summary
12 specified in this subsection if the subject matter of the action taken on the regulation remains the
13 same and if the original notice of the proposed action was written so as to assure that members
14 of the public are reasonably notified of the subject matter of the proposed action in order for
15 them to determine whether their interests could be affected by the corporation's proposed action
16 on that subject.

17 (e) The adoption of a regulation may be made as an emergency regulation if, in the order
18 of adoption, the corporation states the facts constituting the emergency and makes a finding that
19 the adoption of the regulation is necessary for the immediate preservation of the orderly operation
20 of the corporation's programs. The requirements of (d) of this section do not apply to the initial
21 adoption of an emergency regulation; however, upon adoption of an emergency regulation under
22 this subsection, the corporation shall, within 10 days after that adoption, publish notice of the
23 adoption in accordance with the notice procedures specified in (d) of this section. An emergency
24 regulation adopted under this subsection may not remain in effect for more than 120 days unless,
25 before the expiration of that period, the corporation adopts that regulation as a permanent
26 regulation in accordance with the procedures specified in (d) of this section.

27 (f) A regulation adopted under this section takes effect immediately upon its adoption
28 by the corporation or at another time specified by the corporation in its order of adoption.

29 Sec. 14.40.876. EXERCISE BY CORPORATION OF POWERS WITHIN
30 MUNICIPALITIES. The corporation may exercise any of its powers in all portions of a space-
31 related facility or territory lying within the boundaries of a municipality to the same extent and

1 in the same manner as in areas of the space-related facility or territory not within the boundaries
2 of a municipality.

3 Sec. 14.40.881. TRADE SECRETS CONFIDENTIAL. The corporation shall maintain
4 the confidentiality of a trade secret, or other proprietary technical information, supplied by a
5 public or private person or entity or other proprietary information for purposes related to this
6 chapter unless the owner of the trade secret authorizes its release or a court orders its release.
7 Information covered by this section is not a public record for purposes of AS 09.25.110 -
8 09.25.140. The corporation shall adopt regulations implementing this section.

9 Sec. 14.40.886. APPROVAL OF PROJECTS BY LEGISLATURE. Notwithstanding any
10 other provision of this chapter, a proposed building project shall be submitted by the corporation
11 to the legislature for review at a regular session of the legislature. If the proposed project is
12 submitted before the 75th day of a regular session, the corporation may proceed with the
13 proposed project if it is not disapproved by law at that session. If the proposed project is
14 submitted after the 75th day of a regular session or in the interim between regular sessions, the
15 corporation may proceed with the project if it is not disapproved by law at the next regular
16 session. A proposed project is considered submitted under this section upon written notification
17 of the proposed project to the presiding officers of each house of the legislature and the
18 Legislative Budget and Audit Committee.

19 Sec. 14.40.891. ISSUANCE OF BONDS, NOTES, AND REFUNDING BONDS. The
20 corporation may issue bonds and notes from time to time in its discretion for any of its corporate
21 purposes and may issue refunding bonds for the purpose of paying or retiring bonds previously
22 issued by it.

23 Sec. 14.40.896. SECURITY FOR BONDS. The corporation may issue bonds including
24 but not limited to bonds on which the principal and interest are payable (1) exclusively from the
25 income and revenue of the space-related project financed with the proceeds of the bonds, (2)
26 exclusively from the income and revenue of designated space-related projects whether or not they
27 are financed in whole or in part with the proceeds of the bonds, (3) from its revenue generally,
28 or (4) exclusively from rents, fees, charges, or other revenue collected or received by the
29 corporation. Bonds may be additionally secured by a pledge of a grant or contribution from the
30 federal government or from another source, or by a pledge of income or revenue of the
31 corporation, or by a mortgage of a space-related project or other property of the corporation.

1 Sec. 14.40.899. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY ON BONDS.** The members of the
2 corporation and a person executing the bonds are not liable personally on the bonds by reason
3 of their issuance. The bonds of the corporation are not a debt of the state or a political or
4 municipal corporation or other subdivision of the state, including the University of Alaska, and
5 each bond must so state on its face. Neither the state nor a political or municipal corporation
6 or other subdivision of the state, including the University of Alaska, other than the corporation
7 is liable on the bonds, nor are the bonds payable out of funds or properties other than those of
8 the corporation. The corporation may not pledge the faith of the people of the state for a loan
9 or obligation. Bonds of the corporation are not a debt, indebtedness, or the borrowing of money
10 within the meaning of a limitation or restriction on the issuance of bonds contained in the
11 constitution or laws of the state.

12 Sec. 14.40.902. **ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS AND NOTES.** Bonds and notes
13 of the corporation are authorized by adoption of a resolution prescribing the date of issuance and
14 maturity, interest rate, denomination, form, conversion privilege, rank or priority, execution, terms
15 of redemption, medium, and place of payment. Bonds and notes may be sold in the manner, on
16 the terms, and at the price the corporation determines. Each bond and note is negotiable. The
17 signature of a member or an officer upon a bond or note or coupon is not invalidated by that
18 person's ceasing to hold office before the delivery of the bond or note. The recitation of a bond
19 or note that it has been issued in the financing of a space-related project or purpose under this
20 chapter is conclusive as to the issuance of the bond or note and the character of the project in
21 a challenge of the validity of the bond or note or the security for it.

22 Sec. 14.40.906. **BONDS EXEMPT FROM TAXES.** Bonds and other obligations of the
23 corporation are issued for an essential public and governmental purpose and are public
24 instrumentalities and, together with interest on them and income from them, are exempt from
25 taxes.

26 Sec. 14.40.908. **INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISOR.** In negotiating the private
27 sale of bonds or bond anticipation notes to an underwriter, the corporation shall retain a financial
28 advisor who is independent from the underwriter. The financial advisor may not bid on the
29 bonds or notes if offered at public sale or negotiate for their purchase if sold at private sale.

30 Sec. 14.40.912. **ADDITIONAL POWERS TO SECURE BONDS OR OBLIGATIONS**
31 **UNDER LEASES.** In connection with the issuance of bonds or the incurring of obligations

- 1 under leases and in order to secure the payment of bonds or lease obligations, the corporation,
2 in addition to its other powers, may
- 3 (1) pledge all or a part of its gross or net rents, fees, or revenues to which its
4 right exists or may exist;
- 5 (2) mortgage or encumber all or a part of its real or personal property, owned or
6 later acquired;
- 7 (3) covenant against pledging all or a part of its rents, fees, and revenue, or
8 against mortgaging all or a part of its real or personal property, to which its right or title exists
9 or may come into existence or against permitting or suffering any lien on the revenues or
10 property;
- 11 (4) covenant with respect to limitations on its right to sell, lease, or otherwise
12 dispose of a space-related project or a part of a space-related project;
- 13 (5) covenant as to what other, or additional debts or obligations may be incurred
14 by it;
- 15 (6) covenant as to the bonds to be issued and as to the issuance of the bonds in
16 escrow or otherwise, and as to the use and disposition of the proceeds of bonds;
- 17 (7) provide for the replacement of lost, destroyed, or mutilated bonds;
- 18 (8) covenant against extending the time for the payment of its bonds or interest
19 on the bonds;
- 20 (9) redeem the bonds, and covenant for their redemption and to provide the terms
21 and conditions of redemption;
- 22 (10) covenant as to the rents and fees to be charged in the operation of a space-
23 related project, the amount to be raised each year or other period of time by rents, fees, and other
24 revenue, and as to the use and disposition of this revenue;
- 25 (11) create or authorize the creation of special funds for money held for
26 construction or operating costs, debt service, reserves, or other purposes, and covenant as to the
27 use and disposition of this money;
- 28 (12) prescribe the procedure by which the terms of a contract with bondholders
29 may be amended or abrogated, the amount of bonds the holders of which must consent thereto
30 and the manner in which the consent may be given;
- 31 (13) covenant as to the rights, liabilities, powers, and duties arising upon the

1 breach by it of a covenant, condition, or obligation, and covenant and prescribe as to events of
2 default and terms and conditions upon which any or all of its bonds or obligations shall become
3 or may be declared due before maturity, and covenant as to the terms and conditions upon which
4 this declaration and its consequences may be waived;

5 (14) vest in a trustee or trustees or the holders of bonds or a specified proportion
6 of them, the right to enforce the payment of the bonds or covenants securing or relating to the
7 bonds;

8 (15) vest in one or more trustees the right, in the event of a default by the
9 corporation, to take possession of a space-related project or a part of the project, and so long as
10 the corporation continues in default to retain possession and to use, operate, and manage the
11 project, and to collect the rent and revenue from the project, and to dispose of the money
12 according to the agreement between the corporation and the trustees;

13 (16) provide for the powers and duties of the trustees, and limit the liability of
14 the trustees; and

15 (17) provide the terms and conditions upon which the trustee or trustees or the
16 holders of bonds, or portions of bonds, may enforce a covenant or right securing or relating to
17 the bonds.

18 Sec. 14.40.916. RIGHT OF OBLIGEE OF CORPORATION TO BRING INJUNCTION.
19 An obligee of the corporation may, in addition to all other rights that may be conferred and
20 subject only to contractual restriction binding upon the obligee, seek an injunction or an action
21 in nature of an action for mandamus against the members, the corporation, its officers, agents,
22 or employees.

23 Sec. 14.40.921. POWER OF CORPORATION TO CONFER UPON OBLIGEE RIGHT
24 TO BRING ACTION OR PROCEEDING. The corporation may by resolution, trust indenture,
25 mortgage, lease, or other contract confer upon an obligee holding or representing a specified
26 amount in bonds, or holding a lease, the right upon a default as defined in the resolution or
27 instrument by suit, action or proceeding

28 (1) to have possession of a space-related project or part of one surrendered to the
29 obligee, with possession retained by the obligee as long as the corporation continues in default;

30 (2) to obtain the appointment of a receiver of a space-related project or part of
31 one and its rents and profits, who may enter, take possession, and for the duration of the default

1 operate and maintain it, collect and receive all fees, rents, revenues, or other charges thereafter
2 arising, and keep the money in a separate account or accounts to be applied in accordance with
3 the obligations of the corporation as the court directs;

4 (3) to require the corporation and its members to account as if they were the
5 trustees of an express trust.

6 Sec. 14.40.926. EXEMPTION OF REAL PROPERTY OF CORPORATION FROM
7 EXECUTION OR OTHER PROCESS. All real property of the corporation is exempt from levy
8 and sale by execution, and an execution or other judicial process may not issue against it. A
9 judgment against the corporation may not be a charge or lien upon its real property. However,
10 this section does not limit the right of an obligee to foreclose or otherwise enforce a mortgage
11 of the corporation or to pursue any remedy for the enforcement of a pledge or lien given by the
12 corporation on its rents, fees, or revenues.

13 Sec. 14.40.931. POWER OF CORPORATION TO OBTAIN FEDERAL AID AND
14 COOPERATION. The corporation may borrow, accept contributions, grants, or other financial
15 assistance from the federal government in aid of a space-related project and for this purpose may
16 comply with conditions and enter into the mortgages, trust indentures, leases, or agreements that
17 are necessary, convenient, or desirable in order to obtain financial aid or cooperation from the
18 federal government in the undertaking, construction, maintenance, or operation of a space-related
19 project.

20 Sec. 14.40.936. EXEMPTION FROM TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS. The property of
21 the corporation is public property used for essential public and governmental purposes and this
22 property and the corporation are exempt from all taxes and special assessments of a municipality,
23 the state, or a political subdivision of the state. However, instead of taxes, the corporation may
24 make payments to the municipality or political subdivision for improvements, services, and
25 facilities furnished by it for the benefit of a space-related project.

26 Sec. 14.40.941. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY. (a) The corporation may
27 convey real or personal property that it determines is in excess of its needs. Except as provided
28 in (b) of this section, the sale shall be by public auction or by sealed bids. Public notice shall
29 be given by publishing notice of the sale at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in a
30 newspaper of general circulation within the area in which the property to be sold is located and
31 by posting notice of sale in at least two public places in the area. In no event may the auction

1 be held less than 30 days after the last day of publication. If an acceptable bid is not received,
2 the corporation may sell the property at negotiated sale within six months after the date of the
3 auction. A negotiated sale may not be made on an appraisal made more than nine months before
4 the date of sale. The price at a negotiated sale may not be less than the appraised value.

5 (b) Real or personal property of the corporation may be conveyed to a state or federal
6 agency or political subdivision or the University of Alaska for less than the appraised value
7 without competitive bidding, upon a determination by the board that the terms are fair and proper
8 and in the best interests of the state. The board shall consider both the nature of the agency's
9 or political subdivision's public services or functions and the terms under which the property was
10 acquired by the corporation.

11 Sec. 14.40.946. PUBLIC LOANS OR DONATIONS TO OR COOPERATION WITH
12 CORPORATION. (a) A public body or agency of the state may

- 13 (1) lend or donate money or property to the corporation;
14 (2) cooperate with it in the planning, construction, or operation of a project;
15 (3) transfer to it an interest in property, grant an easement, undertake otherwise
16 authorized construction of facilities adjacent to a project;
17 (4) furnish or improve otherwise authorized roads, streets, alleys, and sidewalks;
18 (5) purchase bonds of the corporation;
19 (6) incur the entire expense of improvements made under this chapter;
20 (7) agree with the corporation that a certain sum or that no sum shall be paid by
21 the corporation to it instead of taxes;
22 (8) enter into agreements respecting exercise of the powers granted in this chapter
23 that shall be approved and executed by the public body or municipality in or adjacent to the
24 project before the project may be constructed; and
25 (9) in general do all things necessary or convenient to cooperate in the planning,
26 construction, or operation of a project.

27 (b) Except as required under AS 44.62.310 and 44.62.312, a sale, conveyance, lease, or
28 agreement under this section may be made without appraisal, public notice or advertisement, or
29 bidding. A public body may exercise the powers granted in this section by resolution or
30 ordinance by a majority of the members of the governing body present at the meeting at which
31 it is introduced, and the resolution or ordinance takes effect immediately without publishing or

1 posting.

2 Sec. 14.40.951. RESERVE FUND. (a) The corporation shall establish and maintain a
3 special fund called the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation reserve fund in which there
4 shall be deposited or transferred

5 (1) all money appropriated by the legislature for the purpose of the fund in
6 accordance with the provisions of (g) of this section;

7 (2) all proceeds of bonds required to be deposited in the fund by terms of a
8 contract between the corporation and its bondholders or a resolution of the corporation with
9 respect to the proceeds of bonds;

10 (3) all other money appropriated by the legislature to the reserve fund; and

11 (4) any other money or funds of the corporation that it decides to deposit in the
12 fund.

13 (b) Subject to the provisions of (h) of this section, money in the reserve fund shall be
14 held and applied solely to the payment of the interest on and principal of bonds of the
15 corporation as the interest and principal become due and payable and for the retirement of bonds;
16 and the money may not be withdrawn if a withdrawal would reduce the amount in the reserve
17 fund to an amount less than the required debt service reserve except for payment of interest then
18 due and payable on bonds and the principal of bonds then maturing and payable and for the
19 retirement of bonds in accordance with the terms of a contract between the corporation and its
20 bondholders and for which payments of other money of the corporation is not then available. In
21 this subsection, "required debt service reserve" means, as of the date of computation, the amount
22 required to be on deposit in the reserve fund as provided by resolution of the corporation.

23 (c) Money in the reserve fund in excess of the required debt service reserve as defined
24 in (b) of this section, whether by reason of investment or otherwise, may be withdrawn at any
25 time by the corporation and transferred to another fund or account of the corporation subject to
26 the provision of (h) of this section.

27 (d) Money in the reserve fund may be invested in the same manner and on the same
28 conditions as permitted for investment of funds belonging to the state or held in the treasury
29 under AS 37.10.070; however, the corporation may agree with the bondholders to further limit
30 these investments.

31 (e) For purposes of valuation, investments in the reserve fund shall be valued at par or

1 if purchased at less than par, at cost unless otherwise provided by resolution of the corporation.
2 Valuation on a particular date shall include the amount of interest then earned or accrued to that
3 date on the money or investments in the reserve fund.

4 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, bonds may not be issued by the
5 corporation unless there is in the reserve fund the required debt service reserve for all bonds then
6 issued and outstanding and for the bonds to be issued; however, the corporation may satisfy this
7 requirement by depositing as much of the proceeds of the bonds to be issued, upon their issuance,
8 as is needed to meet the required debt service reserve. The corporation may at any time issue
9 its bonds or notes for the purpose of increasing the amount in the reserve fund to the required
10 debt service reserve, or to meet whatever higher or additional reserve that may be fixed by the
11 corporation with respect to the fund.

12 (g) In order to assure the maintenance of the required debt service reserve in the reserve
13 fund, the legislature may appropriate annually to the corporation for deposit in the fund the sum,
14 certified by the chair of the corporation to the governor and to the legislature, that is necessary
15 to restore the fund to an amount equal to the required debt service reserve. The chair annually,
16 before January 30, shall make and deliver to the governor and to the legislature a certificate
17 stating the sum required to restore the fund to that amount, and the certified sum may be
18 appropriated and paid to the corporation during the then current state fiscal year. Nothing in this
19 subsection creates a debt or liability of the state.

20 (h) All amounts received on account of money appropriated to the reserve fund referred
21 to in (a)(3) of this section shall be held and applied in accordance with (b) of this section;
22 however, at the end of each fiscal year, if the amount in the reserve fund is in excess of the
23 required debt service reserve, any amount representing earnings or income received on account
24 of money appropriated to the reserve fund that exceeds the operating expenses of the corporation
25 for that fiscal year shall be transferred to the general fund of the state.

26 (i) All references to the reserve fund in this section include special accounts within the
27 reserve fund that may be created by the corporation to secure the payment of particular bonds.
28 The commissioner of revenue may lend surplus money in the general fund to the corporation for
29 deposit to any account in the reserve fund in an amount equal to the required debt service
30 reserve. The loans shall be made on the terms and conditions that may be agreed upon by the
31 commissioner of revenue and the corporation, including, without limitation, terms and conditions

1 providing that the loans need not be repaid until the obligations of the corporation secured and
2 to be secured by the account in the reserve fund are no longer outstanding.

3 Sec. 14.40.956. COOPERATION WITH OTHER AUTHORITIES. In issuing a bond,
4 the corporation may request the assistance of and work with the Alaska Industrial Development
5 and Export Authority and the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority. The Alaska Industrial
6 Development and Export Authority may invest in and issue bonds for space-related projects of
7 the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation. The Alaska Industrial Development and Export
8 Authority and the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority may purchase and market bonds of
9 the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation.

10 Sec. 14.40.961. INVESTMENT OF REVENUE. The revenue and receipts of the
11 corporation, to the extent they are not needed to pay bonds or other obligations of the corporation
12 shall be invested by the commissioner of revenue in cooperation with the corporation.

13 Sec. 14.40.966. LEGALITY OF CORPORATION BONDS AS INVESTMENTS. Bonds
14 of the corporation are legal and proper investments and security for public and private banking,
15 insurance, and trust funds.

16 Sec. 14.40.990. DEFINITIONS. In AS 14.40.821 - 14.40.990,

17 (1) "board" means the board of directors of the Alaska Aerospace Development
18 Corporation;

19 (2) "corporation" means the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation;

20 (3) "landing site" means a site or facility designed, intended, or used for the
21 landing or recovery of space vehicles, aircraft, or balloons;

22 (4) "launch site" means a site or facility designed, intended, or used for the
23 launching of space vehicles, sounding rockets, aircraft, or balloons;

24 (5) "payload" means property or cargo, including people or animals, to be
25 transported aboard a vehicle launched by the corporation;

26 (6) "recovery" means the retrieval and recovery of space vehicles, payloads, and
27 parts that have been launched from the corporation's facilities;

28 (7) "space vehicle" means a rocket, missile, booster, or other vehicle designed,
29 intended, or used to reach high altitude.

30 * Sec. 3. AS 24.20.201(a) is amended to read:

31 (a) The Legislative Budget and Audit Committee has the power to:

- 1 (1) organize, adopt rules for the conduct of its business, and prescribe procedures
2 for the comprehensive fiscal analysis, budget review, and post-audit functions;
- 3 (2) hold public hearings, administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance
4 of witnesses and production of papers, books, accounts, documents, and testimony, and have the
5 deposition of witnesses taken in a manner prescribed by court rule or law for taking depositions
6 in civil actions;
- 7 (3) require all state officials and agencies of state government to give full
8 cooperation to the committee or its staff in assembling and furnishing requested information;
- 9 (4) review revenue projections, state agency appropriation requests, the
10 expenditure of state funds, including the relationship between state agency program
11 accomplishments and legislative intent, and the fiscal policies and procedures of state
12 government;
- 13 (5) review and approve proposed changes to agency authorized budgets as
14 provided in the Executive Budget Act (AS 37.07);
- 15 (6) make recommendations concerning appropriations, their expenditure and the
16 fiscal policies and procedures of state government to the governor when appropriate, and to the
17 legislature;
- 18 (7) prepare and distribute reports, memoranda, or other necessary materials;
- 19 (8) sue in the name of the legislature during the interim between sessions if
20 authorized by majority vote of the full membership of the committee;
- 21 (9) hold public hearings on the confirmation of the members of the Board of
22 Trustees of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation;
- 23 (10) make recommendations to the legislature and to agencies of the state that
24 [WHICH] perform lending or investment functions concerning the structure and operating
25 practices of the agencies;
- 26 (11) enter into and enforce all contracts necessary or desirable for the functions
27 of the committee;
- 28 (12) provide for annual post audits of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation,
29 the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation, and the Alaska Industrial Development and
30 Export Authority.

31 * Sec. 4. AS 29.45.650(a) is amended to read:

1 (a) Except as provided in AS 04.21.010(c) and in (f) and (h) of this section, a borough
2 may levy and collect a sales tax on sales, rents, and on services provided in the borough. The
3 sales tax may apply to any or all of these sources. Exemptions may be granted by ordinance.

4 * Sec. 5. AS 29.45.650 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (h) A borough may not levy or collect a sales tax on sales, rents, and services, or a use
6 tax on the storage, use, or consumption of personal property on the following activities:

7 (1) the sale, lease, rental, storage, consumption, or distribution in this state of or
8 the provision of services relating to an orbital space facility, space propulsion system, or space
9 vehicle, satellite, or station of any kind possessing space flight capacity, including the
10 components of them;

11 (2) the sale, lease, rental, storage, consumption, or use of tangible personal
12 property placed on or used aboard an orbital space facility, space propulsion system, or space
13 vehicle, satellite, or station of any kind, regardless of whether the tangible personal property is
14 returned to this state for subsequent use, storage, or consumption; an exemption under this
15 paragraph is not affected by the failure of a launch to occur, or the destruction of a launch
16 vehicle or a component of a launch vehicle.

17 * Sec. 6. AS 36.30.015(f) is amended to read:

18 (f) The board of directors of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, notwithstanding
19 AS 18.56.088, [AND] the board of directors of the Alaska State Housing Authority, and the
20 board of directors of the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation, notwithstanding
21 AS 14.40.871(b), shall adopt regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) to
22 govern the procurement of supplies, services, professional services, and construction for the
23 respective public corporations. The regulations must

24 (1) reflect competitive bidding principles and provide vendors reasonable and
25 equitable opportunities to participate in the procurement process; and

26 (2) include procurement methods to meet emergency and extraordinary
27 circumstances.

28 * Sec. 7. AS 36.30.990(1) is amended to read:

29 (1) "agency"

30 (A) means a department, institution, board, commission, division, authority,
31 public corporation, the Alaska Pioneers' Home, or other administrative unit of the

1 executive branch of state government;
2 (B) does not include
3 (i) the University of Alaska;
4 (ii) the Alaska State Housing Corporation;
5 (iii) the Alaska Railroad Corporation;
6 (iv) the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation;
7 (v) a regional Native housing authority created under
8 AS 18.55.996, or a regional electrical authority created under AS 18.57.020;
9 (vi) the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation;
10 * Sec. 8. AS 37.05.146 is amended to read:
11 Sec. 37.05.146. DEFINITION OF PROGRAM RECEIPTS. In AS 37.05.142 - 37.05.146
12 and AS 37.07.080 "program receipts" means fees, charges, income earned on assets, and other
13 state money received by a state agency in connection with the performance of its functions; all
14 program receipts except the following are general fund program receipts:
15 (1) federal receipts;
16 (2) University of Alaska receipts (AS 14.40.491);
17 (3) individual, foundation, or corporation gifts, grants, or bequests that by their
18 terms are restricted to a specific purpose;
19 (4) receipts of the following funds:
20 (A) highway working capital fund (AS 44.68.210);
21 (B) correctional industries fund (AS 33.32.020);
22 (C) loan funds;
23 (D) international airport revenue fund (AS 37.15.430);
24 (E) funds managed by the Alaska State Housing Authority (AS 18.55.020),
25 the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AS 18.56.020), the Medical Indemnity
26 Corporation of Alaska (AS 21.88.020), the Alaska Railroad Corporation (AS 42.40.010),
27 the Municipal Bond Bank Authority (AS 44.85.020), the Alaska Aerospace Development
28 Corporation (AS 14.40.821), or the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority
29 (AS 44.88.020);
30 (F) fish and game fund (AS 16.05.100);
31 (G) school fund (AS 43.50.140);

- 1 (H) training and building fund (AS 23.20.130);
2 (I) retirement funds (AS 14.25, AS 22.25, AS 26.05.222, AS 39.35, and
3 former AS 39.37);
4 (J) permanent fund (art. IX, sec. 15, Alaska Constitution);
5 (K) public school fund (AS 37.14.110);
6 (L) second injury fund (AS 23.30.040);
7 (M) fishermen's fund (AS 23.35.060);
8 (N) FICA administration fund (AS 39.30.050).
- 9 * Sec. 9. AS 38.05.810 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
10 (h) The commissioner shall lease land to the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation
11 for purposes of down range space vehicle or payload overflight, booster retrieval, and recovery
12 at no charge. The commissioner shall lease land to the Alaska Aerospace Development
13 Corporation for other space-related purposes at no more than 10 percent of the appraised fair
14 market value.
- 15 * Sec. 10. AS 39.25.110(11) is amended to read:
16 (11) the officers and employees of the following boards, commissions, and
17 authorities:
18 (A) Alaska Gas Pipeline Financing Authority;
19 (B) Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation;
20 (C) [REPEALED,
21 (D)] Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority;
22 (D) [(E)] Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission;
23 (E) [(F)] Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education;
24 (F) Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation;
- 25 * Sec. 11. AS 39.50.200(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:
26 (52) Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation (AS 14.40.821).
- 27 * Sec. 12. AS 44.99.200(b) is amended to read:
28 (b) The determination under (a) of this section shall be made by the
29 (1) commissioner of administration for a state agency in the executive branch,
30 except as provided in (4) - (6) of this subsection;
31 (2) administrative director of the judicial branch for an agency in the judicial

1 branch;

2 (3) Alaska Legislative Council for an agency in the legislative branch;

3 (4) Board of Regents or president of the University of Alaska for the university;

4 (5) board of directors of the Alaska State Housing Authority for the authority;

5 [AND]

6 (6) board of directors of the Alaska Railroad Corporation for the corporation; and

7 (7) board of directors of the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation for

8 the corporation.

9 * Sec. 13. AS 44.99.400 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 44.99.400. COPYRIGHTS. A state agency may hold the copyright for software
11 created by the agency or developed by a private contractor for an agency, and may enforce its
12 rights to protect the copyright. In this section, "state agency" means a department, institution,
13 board, commission, division, authority, public corporation, committee, or other administrative unit
14 of the executive, judicial, or legislative branch of state government, including the University of
15 Alaska, the Alaska State Housing Authority, the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation,
16 and the Alaska Railroad Corporation.

17 * Sec. 14. INITIAL APPOINTMENTS. The initial appointments of the members of the board under
18 AS 14.40.826(a)(1), (6), and (8) shall be staggered under AS 39.05.055(2).