

**HOUSE BILL NO. 129**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE NAVARRE**

**Introduced: 2/5/93**  
**Referred: State Affairs, Finance**

**A BILL**  
**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to requests for supplemental appropriations for the current fiscal  
2 year."

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

4 \* Section 1. FINDINGS. (a) The legislature makes annual appropriations for the cost of  
5 operation of state government for the upcoming fiscal year based on estimates and program  
6 plans presented by the administration. During the course of the fiscal year program plans  
7 change and estimates must be revised as additional information becomes available. This  
8 frequently leads to appropriation shortfalls resulting in supplemental requests for additional  
9 funding being made of the legislature.

10 (b) At the time the legislature convenes, the fiscal year is more than half over.  
11 Supplementals approved by the administration are incorporated into the operating plan of the  
12 agency, and a dependency on the receipt of additional funding from the legislature is built into  
13 the program plans.

14 (c) It is the legislature's constitutional authority to appropriate funds. If the legislature

1 chooses to exercise this authority through the denial of additional funding, the decision must  
2 be made as early as possible in order for the program managers to revise their operating plans  
3 to accommodate less funding.

4 (d) The legislature finds that the statutory deadline for the submission to the  
5 legislature of supplemental funding requests needs to be as early as is practicable to facilitate  
6 the legislative review and decision making process.

7 \* Sec. 2. AS 37.07.070 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 37.07.070. LEGISLATIVE REVIEW. The legislature shall consider the  
9 governor's proposed comprehensive operating and capital improvements programs and  
10 financial plans, evaluate alternatives to the plans, make program selections among the  
11 various alternatives and determine, subject to available revenues, the level of funding  
12 required to support authorized state services. The operating and capital budgets of  
13 each agency shall be separately reviewed. During each regular session of the  
14 legislature, legislative review of the governor's supplemental appropriation bills and  
15 the governor's budget amendments shall be governed by the following time limits:

16 (1) Requests by the governor for supplemental appropriations for state  
17 agency operating and capital budgets for the current fiscal year may be introduced by  
18 the rules committee only through the 10th [30TH] legislative day.

19 (2) Requests by the governor for budget amendments to state agency  
20 budgets for the budget fiscal year may be received and reviewed by the finance  
21 committees only through the 60th legislative day.