

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 43(RES)**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA****EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION****BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE****Offered: 1/27/93****Referred: Finance****Sponsor(s): SENATOR TAYLOR****A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act establishing a grant program relating to transplantation of elk; and
2 providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 16.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 16.25.070. GRANTS FOR ELK TRANSPLANTATION.** (a) The elk
6 transplantation grant account is established in the general fund. The account consists
7 of money appropriated to it by the legislature.

8 (b) The department may award funds in the elk transplantation grant account
9 to qualified nonprofit organizations for up to 50 percent of the cost of transplanting
10 elk onto land in coastal areas of the state that have a maritime climate and are forested
11 with western hemlock and Sitka spruce. The matching portion of the costs borne by
12 a nonprofit organization that receives a transplantation grant under this section may be
13 in cash or in kind.

14 (c) A nonprofit organization may apply for a transplantation grant under this

1 section by applying on a form provided by the department.
2 (d) The department shall, after public hearings, develop criteria to implement
3 this section that
4 (1) specify the type of information required by the department before
5 the department can consider an application for a transplantation grant under this
6 section; the department may require an organization to submit a plan for approval by
7 the department establishing the procedures that will be used by the organization during
8 the transplantation project;
9 (2) determine eligible costs under a transplantation grant funded under
10 this section;
11 (3) govern the minimum qualifications of persons used during a
12 transplantation project funded under this section; and
13 (4) delineate the areas in the state where elk may be transplanted under
14 a transplantation project funded in part under this section.
15 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).