

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 373(FIN)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/20/94
Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to a comprehensive state financial plan and to the Solving
2 Alaska's Fiscal Exigency (S.A.F.E.) Commission; and providing for an effective
3 date."

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

5 * Section 1. SOLVING ALASKA'S FISCAL EXIGENCY COMMISSION. (a) There is
6 created in the legislative branch the Solving Alaska's Fiscal Exigency (S.A.F.E.) Commission
7 to develop a comprehensive six-year financial plan for the state. The commission consists of
8 the governor or the governor's designee, two public members appointed by the governor, the
9 president of the senate or the president's designee, two public members appointed by the
10 president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives or the speaker's designee,
11 and two public members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. The public
12 members may not be elected officials of the state. The members of the commission shall elect
13 public members to serve as chair and vice-chair of the commission.

14 (b) The commission shall

1 (1) review and identify anticipated state expenditures, recurring revenue,
2 reserves, and potential revenue sources;

3 (2) review and identify fiscal assumptions concerning state finances that have
4 been made by planners and financial managers in government and the private sector;

5 (3) recommend strategies for generating sustainable sources of future state
6 revenue and legislation to implement the recommendations;

7 (4) if new taxes are recommended, investigate specific tax structures and
8 revenue consequences and submit draft legislation to implement the recommendations;

9 (5) disseminate information and solicit public input from the various regions
10 of the state in the development and review of the proposed financial plan and tax proposals;

11 (6) review state programs, especially formula-driven programs, and recommend
12 deductions in state expenditures to reach a sustainable level;

13 (7) recommend structural changes to the way the state budget is prepared to
14 ensure that the governor and the legislature have information on which to base decisions.

15 (c) The commission may

16 (1) hire staff;

17 (2) hold public hearings; and

18 (3) adopt rules for the conduct of its business.

19 (d) Public members of the commission are entitled to per diem and travel expenses
20 authorized under AS 39.20.180.

21 (e) The commission shall submit a final report to the legislature on or before
22 February 1, 1995. The report must contain a comprehensive state financial plan for fiscal
23 years 1996 - 2001, together with recommended legislation to implement the plan. The
24 commission is terminated February 1, 1995.

25 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).