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SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATION CHECKLIST

IDENTIFICATION:

BILL NUMBER: *SB 358*

BILL NAME: *Amending Expiration Date of AAAC*

SPONSOR(S): *Kertulla*

RELATED BILLS PENDING:

DATE INTRODUCED: *1-18-84*

*SB 339*

REFERRALS: *Reviews*

INITIAL RESEARCH:

BILL SUMMARY COMPLETED:

SUMMARY BY LEGAL DIVISION:

SPONSOR CONTACTED FOR  
BACKUP MATERIALS:

DEPT. OF LAW SUMMARY:

FISCAL NOTE:

AGENCY RESPONSE:

OTHER INTERESTED SENATORS OR  
REPS. NOTIFIED:

BACKGROUND RESEARCH:

SIMILAR BILLS INTRODUCED IN PREVIOUS LEGISLATURES:

RESPONSES FROM INTERESTED PERSONS/GROUPS:

OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL PRECEDENTS, REGULATIONS, LAWS:

HEARING PREPARATION:

CHAIRMAN BRIEFED:

DATE AND PLACE SET:

STAFF MEMO TO COMMITTEE:

TELECONFERENCE:

BACKGROUND MATERIAL DISTRIBUTED:

PSA/PRESS RELEASE:

LIST OF WITNESSES:

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE  
SUBSTITUTES DRAFTED:

*Kertulla - Richard Ramsey  
(M.A.)*

*Sharon Boston, DNR  
Carl Amstrup - via Fairbanks, available for question.  
DCEI - Vince O'Reilly*

BILL SUMMARY

SB 358

Sponsor: Ker~~tu~~ta

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SB 358 repeals the termination date of the Alaska Agriculture Action ~~Committee~~<sup>Council</sup> and extends its life for five more years.

SB 358 is very similar to SB 339, MOSS, which simply repeals the termination date for the Council, extending the life for perpetuity.

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(1) "council" means the Alaska Agricultural Action Council;

(2) "Delta agricultural development project" means the state funded program to develop agricultural land located in the Big Delta, Tanana Loop region for the production of small grains and other related agricultural products.

\* Sec. 2. Notwithstanding the terms of office specified for members of the Alaska Agricultural Action Council in AS 44.33.400(c), enacted in sec. 2 of this Act, the terms of the first appointees shall be one member serving a term ending June 30, 1980, one member serving a term ending June 30, 1981, one member serving a term ending June 30, 1982, one member serving a term ending June 30, 1983, and one member serving a term ending June 30, 1984.

\* Sec. 3. AS 39.50.200(9) is amended by adding a new subparagraph to read:

(QQ) Alaska Agricultural Action Council.

\* Sec. 4. This Act terminates July 1, 1984.

\* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1979.



# LAWS OF ALASKA

1979

Source

HCSSB 63(Finance) am H

## AN ACT

Making appropriations to the Office of the Alaska Power Authority for feasibility study of a hydroelectric project, and to the Legislature and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 1

from council funds.

MEETINGS. The council shall schedule regular meetings, and may hold special meetings upon the call of a majority of the members of the council.

QUORUM. Three members of the council constitute a quorum. A vote of at least three members is necessary to carry any business before the council.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL. (a) The council shall

1. amend bylaws for the management and regulation of the council;

2. maintain an office at any place or places in the state;

3. perform such other duties as may be required by law;

4. hold public hearings in areas of the state considered to be of special interest;

5. determine the need for farm conservation plans for land in the state;

6. employ a coordinator for gathering information and data concerning agricultural development;

7. conduct appropriate activities for the promotion of agricultural development;

8. collect technical information and make recommendations concerning the use of natural resources regarding the classification of land;

9. determine the land suitable for agricultural use;

10. administer the Delta agricultural development project authorized by law;

11. contract with the owners of land prepared for agricultural use under (7) of this subsection for reimbursement to the state of the cost of the clearing, draining and breaking of the land;

(8) contract with the owners of land prepared for agricultural use under (7) of this subsection for reimbursement to the state of the cost of the clearing, draining and breaking of the land;

(9) contract for the construction of access roads in the Delta agricultural development project;

(10) conduct studies and carry out experimental and pilot projects to develop markets for agricultural products produced in the state; and

(11) recommend legislation to the governor to improve agricultural development in the state.

Sec. 44.33.425. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. (a) Before January 15 of each year the council shall report to the governor and the legislature concerning the activities of the council during the current fiscal year. The report shall contain recommendations for the development of agriculture in the state during the next fiscal year.

(b) An agricultural development project recommended under (a) of this section may not be implemented unless authorized by law. The report required by (a) of this section shall include recommended legislation which

(1) sets out the type of agricultural development to be accomplished and, if state land is to be developed for agricultural production, describes the boundaries of the land to be developed;

(2) defines specific tasks to be performed by appropriate state agencies to the extent the tasks are identifiable at that time; and

(3) grants to the council sufficient authority to insure cooperation of all state agencies involved in the implementation of the agricultural development project.

Sec. 44.33.450. DEFINITIONS. In AS 44.33.400 - 44.33.450,

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1 and travel expenses from council funds.

2 Sec. 44.33.410. MEETINGS. The council shall schedule regular  
3 meetings during the year, and may hold special meetings upon the call  
4 of the chairman or four members of the council.

5 Sec. 44.33.415. QUORUM. Three members of the council constitute  
6 quorum. An affirmative vote of at least three members is necessary to  
7 approve any action of the council.

8 Sec. 44.33.420. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL. (a) The council  
9 has the power to

10 (1) adopt and amend bylaws for the management and regulation  
11 of its affairs; and

12 (2) maintain an office at any place or places in the state.

13 (b) The council has the duty to

14 (1) hold public hearings in areas of the state considered  
15 important for agricultural development;

16 (2) evaluate the need for farm conservation plans for land  
17 under agricultural production in the state;

18 (3) serve as coordinator for gathering information and data  
19 relating to agriculture;

20 (4) recommend appropriate activities for the promotion of  
21 agriculture in the state;

22 (5) provide technical information and make recommendations to  
23 the commissioner of natural resources regarding the classification of  
24 state land having a potential for agricultural use;

25 (6) act as administrator of the Delta agricultural develop-  
26 ment project and any other agricultural development project authorized  
27 under AS 44.33.425;

28 (7) contract for the clearing, draining and breaking of  
29 agricultural land located in the Delta agricultural development project

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Sec. 44.33.450. DEFINI-

AN ACT

Relating to agricultural development; and providing for an effective date.

Section 1. AS 44.33 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 9. ALASKA AGRICULTURAL ACTION COUNCIL.

Sec. 44.33.400. CREATION OF COUNCIL. (a) There is established in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development the Alaska Agricultural Action Council. The council is composed of five members appointed by the governor. The chairman of the council is to be designated by the governor from among the members.

(b) The council may invite representatives from the United States Soil Conservation Service, the United States Forest Service, or from other federal agencies to participate in the deliberations of the council in an advisory capacity.

(c) The term of a member of the council is four years. Vacancies are filled in the same manner as original appointments, but a member appointed to fill a vacancy serves for the unexpired term of the member he succeeds.

Sec. 44.33.405. COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS. (a) Members of the council who are not state officers or employees are entitled to per diem and travel expenses provided for boards and commissions under AS 19.20.

(b) State officers or employees appointed as members of the council serve without compensation but are entitled to receive per diem

STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUEST**

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 358  
 Title: Amending the expiration date of the AAAC  
 Sponsor: Kerttula  
 Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Request: 1-18-84

**FISCAL DETAIL**

Agency Affected: DCED  
 Program Category Affected: \_\_\_\_\_  
 BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)**

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
<b>OPERATING</b>						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>		-0-	-0-	-0-		
<b>CAPITAL</b>		-0-	-0-	-0-		
<b>REVENUE</b>		-0-	-0-	-0-		

**FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>						

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

**SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:**

**ANALYSIS:** Attach a separate page for analysis

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 Division: Commissioner's Office Date: 1-24-84

Approved by Commissioner: W. D. Arnold, Deputy Date: 1-24-84  
 Agency: Natural Resources

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

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## Senate

### Committee on Resources

#### MINUTES

January 25, 1984  
3:03 pm

Beltz Room  
Room 211, Capitol

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#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Fahrenkamp, Chairman  
Senator Ziegler, Vice Chair  
Senator V. Fischer  
Senator Paul Fischer  
Senator Mulcahy  
Senator Sturgulewski

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#### CALENDAR

- SB 322 An Act relating to the Alaska Agricultural Loan Board; and providing for an effective date.
- SB 342 An Act amending the Alaska Agricultural Loan Act.
- SB 339 An Act repealing the expiration date of the Agricultural Action Council; and providing for an effective date.
- SB 358 An Act amending the expiration date of the Alaska Agricultural Action Council.

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#### TELECONFERENCED TO:

Fairbanks	Anchorage
Delta	Homer
Palmer/Wasilla	Soldotna

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Senator Kerttula testified in support of SB 322. He said the geographic areas where agricultural development exists have expanded and suggested the Governor appoint two more members to represent farmers from those areas.

Senator Faiks testified in favor of SB 342. She answered questions about the bill and also supported the Kerttula amendment regarding soil classification.

Bob Arnold, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, acknowledged that SB 342 would create a greater demand on the Agricultural Revolving Loan Fund and asked for clarification from the Legislature on granting loans for non-food products.

Steve Shropshire, Alaska Horticulture Association, spoke in support of SB 342. He felt the definition of "agriculture" should include horticulture.

Mayor Bill Allen, Fairbanks North Star Borough, supported all the bills before the Committee. He urged the continuation of the Alaska Agricultural Action Council and the expansion of the agricultural loan program.

Frank Geiger, Mayor, Delta Junction, spoke in support of all four bills. He recommended that two Boards be established, one for the Interior and one for the rest of the state.

Richard Ramsey, Aide to Senator Kerttula, testified in support of Kerttula's proposed amendment to SB 342. This amendment would allow more lands to be eligible for clearing loans.

Edna Anderson, Homer, recommended passage of SB 339 and SB 358 and said she agreed with Mayor Allen's comments.

Pete Roberts, Homer, supported Kerttula's proposed amendment to SB 342.

Ed Merdes, Fairbanks, supported all the bills being heard. He introduced the idea of "production incentives" to lower costs of production and make our crops more competitively priced.

Pat Mulligan, President, Alaska Farmers and Stock Growers, spoke in support of SB 342 and horticulture.

Bill Heim, Director, Division of Agriculture, DNR, wanted legislative guidance, through SB 342, on the expansion of the loan program. He supported Kerttula's proposed amendment to SB 342. Regarding SB 322, he recommended that the two new members be from Delta and Fairbanks.

Ken Ulz, Kobuk Fuel and Feed, spoke in support of all the bills being heard. He felt fur ranching was just as valid as any other ranching enterprise.

Bruce Willard, Homer, supported the continuation of the Alaska Agricultural Action Council.

Harry Wassink, Anchorage, proposed raising the cap on ARLF loans, particularly for dairy farmers.

Sig Restad, Agricultural Experimental Station, Palmer, testified in support of the four bills before the Committee.

Burton L. Clifford, U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA),  
spoke in support of all of the bills.

Carrol Martin, Soldotna, testified in support of all the bills  
heard today.

Jerry Giaugue, Palmer, spoke in support of all the bills.

Terry Weiland, Palmer, supported SB 339 and SB 358 and also  
wanted the cap raised on ARLF loans.

Jerry Brehmer, Delta, was in favor of all of the bills.

Vincent O'Reilly, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Commerce  
and Economic Development, testified that the Administration  
supports agricultural development. They are currently  
reexamining the program, trying to focus on in-state market  
needs. He felt that coordinating that effort should be done by  
the line agencies, specifically the Department of Natural  
Resources and the Department of Commerce and Economic  
Development, rather than the Alaska Agricultural Action  
Council.

Annelly Girard, Palmer, testified that farmers need to  
diversify. She felt the passage of SB 342 would allow them to  
do that. She spoke of growing shrubs and fast growing trees  
such as poplars in greenhouses for use as windbreaks.

Bob Arnold, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Natural  
Resources, spoke again to concur with Vincent O'Reilly, Deputy  
Commissioner, Department of Commerce and Economic Development,  
that the functions of the Alaska Agricultural Action Council  
can be better carried out by the line agencies, particularly  
the Department of Natural Resources.

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 pm.