

SB

21

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE MINORITY LEADER JOHNNY ELLIS

Memorandum

To: Sen. Mike Miller

From: Sen. Johnny Ellis 

Date: February 25, 1999

RE: SB 21: UAA Consortium Library

I respectfully request a HESS Committee hearing on SB 21, the bill to fund construction of a new UAA Consortium Library.

The UAA campus has sorely needed a new library for many, many years. Recently there has been talk of some of the programs' accreditation being in jeopardy, because of the poor library facilities. It would be completely unacceptable for us to allow UAA to begin losing program accreditation because of our failure to provide adequate resources.

Last year, \$10 million was appropriated for planning and site design of the project. To not follow up with construction funds, would not only leave the project incomplete, but would also reflect poor financial planning and management on the part of the Legislature.

The project is vital to the long-term viability of our higher education system here in Alaska. I hope you will allow the committee to give this bill due consideration.

Thank you.

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SENATE MINORITY LEADER JOHNNY ELLIS

Sponsor Statement SB 21

Appropriation for UAA Consortium Library

SB 21 will appropriate \$30,470,000 for the construction of the UAA Consortium Library, which serves the University of Alaska Anchorage and Alaska Pacific University. At the present time, the UAA Consortium Library is overcrowded and half the size recommended by the Association of College and Research Libraries. Expansion of the library is essential for assuring continued national accreditation.

The core function of this project is to create a Library for the 21st Century on the Anchorage campus. As Alaska transitions from a resource-based economy to an information-based economy, the University must be able to keep pace by providing adequate electronic information sources. We are in a unique position to design the library around an electronic infrastructure to support current and predicted information technologies. This is a crucial requirement for adequately educated workers in a competitive market.

It is an interesting fact that the electronic media explosion has not diminished the need for print materials. The number of print journals and print books continues to grow. Students at all levels rely on these resources.

In addition, the UAA Consortium Library also serves many Alaskans in the community. Guest library cards are popular, and the library sends interlibrary loan materials throughout the state. The UAA library operates the most active interlibrary loan program in Alaska.



Anchorage • *Star of the North*
Chamber of Commerce

In Support of Continued Funding for UAA Library Expansion
Resolution 98-99-10

WHEREAS, the mission of UAA is to meet the higher education needs of Anchorage and Southcentral Alaska; and

WHEREAS, UAA is a major employer and economic contributor with significant opportunities to expand both jobs and economic contributions in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, UAA is committed to advancing the economic development and prosperity of Anchorage and the surrounding region, and local business and economic development organizations support expanded partnerships with UAA; and

WHEREAS, information and information technologies are increasingly the medium of commerce and trade, and university libraries are central repositories of information and are the "core" educational facility on university campuses; and

WHEREAS, UAA and APU's consortium library was found by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges to be too small and to have too few books for the size of the student body being served, and this was a major reservation in the Association's decision to renew UAA's accreditation, and this situation continues to the present; and

WHEREAS, UAA will be reviewed for accreditation again in the year 2000 by the same Association; and

WHEREAS, UAA has worked cooperatively in consolidating eight natural resource libraries into one; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce continues to support the Administration and Legislature's efforts to reduce state spending, it nevertheless recognizes that investment in Alaska's higher education system will be a major contributor to the state's economic future; and

WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature appropriated \$9.53 million last session as an initial investment in the new library;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce supports the appropriation of, or general obligation bonding for, \$30.47 million on a timeline that will continue and complete the expansion of the UAA library.

Approved this 19th day of March 1999.

Ralph Samuels, 1998-99 Chair

April Jensen, President

ANCHORAGE CAUCUS RESOLUTION NO

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE-FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE KEMPLER

A RESOLUTION

Supporting UAA's funding request for major library expansion.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATORS OF THE ANCHORAGE CAUCUS

WHEREAS A strong business environment necessitates an educated population; and

WHEREAS the higher education opportunities are often limited for Alaskan residents; and

WHEREAS to succeed in building a diversified and highly technical working residency we must invest in higher education; and

WHEREAS the University of Alaska, Anchorage (UAA) campus lacks the ability to provide an adequate library for its students; and

WHEREAS Alaska leads the nation in the number of high school graduates going out-of-state for college; and

WHEREAS students that attend college in-state are more likely to work and live in-state than those that leave the state for college; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska has an obligation to ensure resident access to higher educational opportunities; and

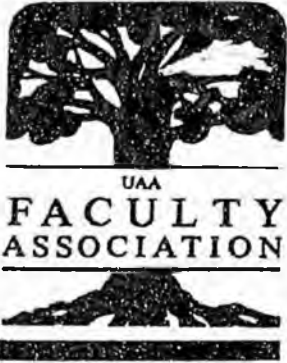
WHEREAS the State of Alaska has provided funding totaling \$9.6 million for the design, site development and construction for major expansion of the UAA library; and

WHEREAS an additional appropriation of \$30 million is necessary to complete construction of the major expansion of the UAA library;

BE IT RESOLVED the Anchorage Caucus of the Alaska State Legislature supports the continued construction and funding of the UAA library expansion; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Anchorage Caucus will actively pursue the necessary funding for completion of the UAA library.

This resolution was passed the ____ of February, 1999.



UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE

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January 29, 1999

Senator Johnny Ellis
Senate
State Capitol, Room 9
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Dear Senator Ellis,

We appreciate your efforts in support of the Consortium Library. Senate Bill 21, if passed, would have a major impact on UAA and all of Alaska by the creation of a Library of the 21st Century on the Anchorage campus.

The UAA Faculty Association recognizes the important contributions that you and other legislative friends of UAA have made both to the campus and to the cause of higher education in Alaska, and we thank you sincerely.

Best wishes in the coming session.

Handwritten signatures and notes:
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Senator Johnny Ellis
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March 8, 1999

Dear Senator Ellis:

Thank you for your time and consideration in meeting with fellow UA students during our recent trip to Juneau. As members of the Union of Students of the University of Alaska Anchorage, we appreciate the time you spent in listening to student concerns. Members of the Union of Students from Anchorage will be returning to Juneau in late March and we hope you have time to visit with us at that time.

Before that time, we would appreciate it if you could forward any questions, concerns or specific issues that you would like to discuss with us. We will attempt to gather any information that you need.

As there is some time between now and our scheduled visit, I will let you know now that we, the students, are all in favor of the UAA Library Appropriation (SB 21 and HB 31), and President Hamilton's proposed budget increase (\$16.3 million).

Sincerely,

Joshua Hunter
President
Union of Students
University of Alaska Anchorage

JH/rh

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**Alaska Library Association
Anchorage Chapter**

Resolution of Support - December 11, 1998

Whereas, the Consortium Library currently serves growing student populations and the academic communities of APU and UAA with less than required seating space; and,

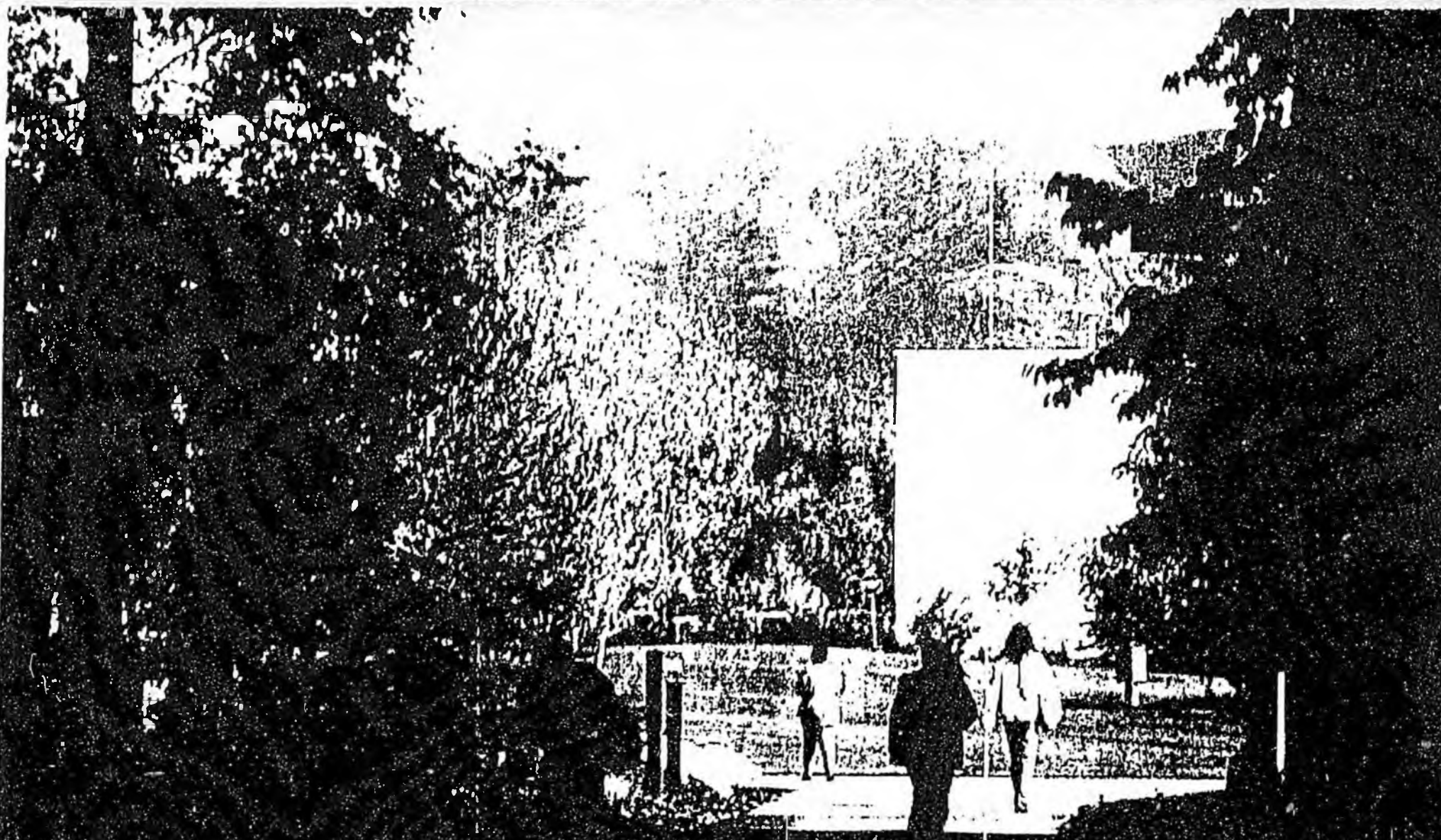
Whereas, the Consortium Library requires additional shelving for its expanding book, journal, and archival collections; and,

Whereas, the Consortium Library extends services such as distance delivery, interlibrary loan, and electronic reference service to its local and statewide clientele; and,

Whereas, the Consortium Library is enhancing electronic information services, requiring added space for computer labs and technology training facilities;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Anchorage Chapter of the Alaska Library Association supports House Bill 31 and Senate Bill 21, an Act making an appropriation for construction and renovation of the University of Alaska Anchorage Consortium Library facility.

Passed at the regular meeting of the Anchorage Chapter of the Alaska Library Association on December 11, 1998



*Future Site of
University of Alaska Anchorage*

LIBRARY OF THE 21ST CENTURY

Acquiring the knowledge and skills for the information age.

THE NEEDS

Over crowded and half the size called for by the Association of College and Research Libraries, the UAA/APU Consortium Library needs to be significantly upgraded in both size and holdings. The proposed Library of the 21st Century represents the most important physical development on campus since the late sixties.

Essential to UAA's continuing national accreditation, the proposed Library expansion directly enhances the quality of education available to our students and the community. Designing the integration of voice, video, and data communication into the library system creates a Library of the 21st Century and provides electronic access to all homes and businesses with computers and modems.

The 100,000 gross sq. ft. Library addition will profoundly impact the campuses, as well as the citizens of the community and state by providing:

- Increased library shelf and study space
- A network hub for distance Education and Statewide Telehealth
- Enhanced reference services
- Modern research facilities
- Expanded electronic information access
- Computer training and tutoring services
- Garaged public parking

Legislative Request: \$40,000,000

THE PROGRAM

The expanded Library creates a central core for the campus and, surrounded by general education classrooms, better serves the increasing number of students who live on campus and walk to class. A new parking garage will provide convenient access to commuting students and the public.

New and existing space involved in the Library project will be home to the following resources and services:

- Academic Library
- Alaska Resources Library and Information Services (ARLIS) Center
- Telecommunications and Media Center
- UAA's Telemedicine/Telehealth Hub
- Learning Resource Center
- Reading-Writing Center
- Mathematics Laboratory
- Language Laboratories
- General Use Computer Laboratories

The Library of the 21st Century will be equipped for future expansion and will support emerging technologies. Telecommunication links will provide information access throughout the campus, the community, the state, and beyond - creating an electronic learning community.

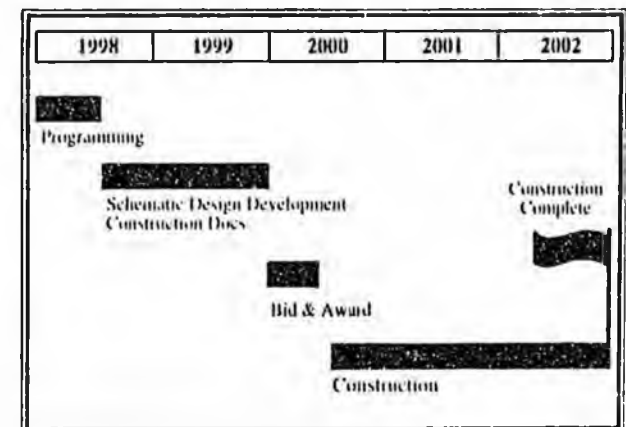
THE BENEFITS

In concert with the overall Master Plan, the Library of the 21st Century will provide students a resource center which meets today's information technology requirements.

With 24-hour electronic service, the Library will be accessible to students living both on and off campus. Advanced communications and computer services will provide UAA's growing student body the resource, skills, information and knowledge needed to be competitive in today's job market and information age.

The Library of the 21st Century will ensure continued accreditation of programs for the University of Alaska Anchorage and create exciting partnerships with public television, public schools, and other public and private institutions willing and able to prepare Alaskans to live and compete in the 21st Century.

Library of the 21st Century Project Timeline



from Steve Rollins

February 16, 1999

Consortium Library—Building for the 21st Century

The Consortium Library with its collections and connections is ready for its future. As indicated by its name it has a history of cooperation. As part of the Anchorage Community College, the library shared its first collection with West High School. The consortium library evolved with its affiliation with Alaska Methodist University. In 1970 the state funded the construction of a new library to be shared by both institutions. The consortium library opened in 1973. When AMU ceased operations in the mid-1970s it was replaced by a new institution, Alaska Pacific University. The consortium agreements have remained in place with APU.

The next chapter in this history of cooperation includes new partnerships. The Consortium Library is working with the Anchorage Municipal Libraries and with the Alaska Resources Library and Information Services (ARLIS). It will be possible in the coming year to look up the library collections of UAA, the Anchorage Municipal Libraries (AML) and the ARLIS library all from one computer or even from one's home or office. The new system will also serve as a gateway to other UA resources and to other libraries in the state, region and around the world. The Consortium Library is also developing partnerships with regional and international library consortiums to provide electronic resources to the UAA/APU community. In February 1999, the Consortium Library announced the first phase of its electronic library program.

The consortium library is ready for its future. The library's faculty and staff have the talents, energy, and dedication to move the library forward. What is needed is a new facility. The current building is worn out, over crowded and technologically challenged. According to national library standards, the Consortium Library should double its existing space. A new facility will combine the physical with the virtual. The new building will be a center for learning, a depository of library materials, and a hub of information networks. The new building will be shared with the local communities, a place of collections and connections.

Beginning the Campus Core, Library of the 21st Century

Overcrowded and approximately half the size called for by the Association of College and Research Libraries, the Consortium Library needs to be upgraded and expanded. Essential to continuing national accreditation, the proposed library expansion will enhance the quality of education available to the students and the community. The new facility will be designed to integrate voice, video, and data. It will support the delivery of electronic library resources and services to homes, offices, and businesses.

Program:

UAA is proposing the construction of the Library of the 21st Century. The project represents the most important physical development on campus since the original cluster of community college buildings was funded in the late sixties. The new Library will also fundamentally alter UAA's academic environment and move the institution towards becoming the comprehensive urban university that is its destiny.

The Library facility will be a major building on campus, encompassing approximately 101,000 gross square feet. The building will be designed for future expansion. It will house the expanding collections of the Consortium Library and of the Alaska Resources Library and Information Services. It will provide the basis of operations for the electronic library program and the library's instructional and reference programs. The new building will house UAA's Health Sciences Information Services. An attached garage will provide 375 parking spaces for convenient access for students and the public. The building will provide critically needed new space to house the library's print and archival collections. It will be designed for quiet study. Audiovisual viewing area and a listening room will be provided. Seminar rooms, graduate carrels, and a faculty development resource center will be available. The new facility will also feature exhibit space, a lecture/reception area, a full service copying center, and a cyber-café. Security and preservation needs will be addressed.

The Library will be a "smart" building supporting information technologies for storage and delivery. Network servers operated by the library's staff will be housed in the new facility and provide user and IP proxy validation for distance education students accessing electronic resources. Fiber optics will connect the building, the students, and the library to the world. Students will access the electronic library from computer labs or from their homes. Alaskans will have electronic access to the wealth of information collected by various agencies and deposited with ARLIS.

No single building is needed more at UAA than a new library facility. The Library of the 21st Century will transform the campus. The new structure arises directly from UAA's mission and will profoundly improve the quality of education at UAA.

**Estimated Costs for the 101,600 square foot building:
\$40,000,000**

**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 1/19/99

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 4/8/99
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 4/12/99

Health, Education and Social Services Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 21

"An Act making an appropriation for construction and renovation of the University of Alaska, Anchorage Consortium Library Facility; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)

adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)

attached amendment(s)

adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee

further referral to the _____ Committee

Senate Bill:
 same title
 new title
House Bill:
 same title
 technical title
 new: SCR# _____

SIGNING DO/PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department Date Zero Fiscal

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PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):*

Department Date Zero Fiscal

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APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

SENATE BILL NO. 21

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
 TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATORS ELLIS, Tim Kelly, Donley, Leman

Introduced: 1/19/99

Referred: HES, Finance

Funding Information:	General Fund	\$30,470,000
	Other Funds	<u>-0-</u>
		\$30,470,000

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act making an appropriation for construction and renovation of the
 2 University of Alaska, Anchorage Consortium Library Facility; and providing for
 3 an effective date."

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

5 * Section 1. The sum of \$30,470,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the
 6 University of Alaska for construction and renovation of the University of Alaska, Anchorage
 7 Consortium Library Facility.

8 * Sec. 2. The appropriation made by this Act is for a capital project and lapses under
 9 AS 37.25.020.

10 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1999.