

HB

288

HOUSE BILL NO. 288

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE KOHRING

Introduced: 4/28/03
Referred: State Affairs, Labor and Commerce

*5/6/03
Amended as
indicated
/s/*

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act changing the name of the Department of Community and Economic
2 Development" *to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development.*

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

4 * Section 1. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to change the name of the Department of
7 Community and Economic Development to the Department of Commerce *and Economic*
8 *Development*

9 * Sec. 2. AS 44.17.005(8) is amended to read:

10 (8) Department of Commerce *and Economic Development* [COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
11 DEVELOPMENT]

12 * Sec. 3. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
13 read:

14 REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION. (a) Wherever in the Alaska Statutes and the Alaska
Administrative Code the terms "Department of Community and Economic Development" or

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

House Bill 288

Changing the name of the Department of Community & Economic Development

In 1999, House Bill 40 merged the Department's of Commerce & Economic Development with Community & Regional Affairs. The new name selected was the "Department of Community & Economic Development" (DCED). This new department was tasked with promoting the advancement of commerce and development of Alaska's economy.

Since that time however, some confusion has arisen as to what the actual mission of DCED is and whether Alaska even has an agency or department that focuses on commerce and economic development. It has somewhat complicated efforts at promoting commerce in Alaska as we attempt to attract investment to the state.

In fact, Governor Murkowski, in his State of the State speech to the Legislature in January, announced that his administration was now referring to the department as the "Department of Commerce."

House Bill 288 officially renames DCED to the **Department of Commerce**. I believe the name change adequately reflects the mission of the department. That is, to promote commerce in the state. Further, the name "Commerce" is consistent with that used by other states in the country, including Utah, Montana, Idaho, and North Dakota and South Dakota.

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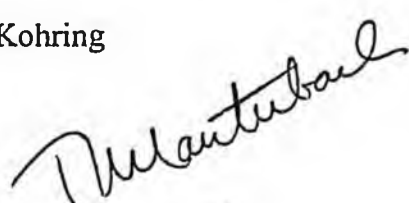
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MEMORANDUM

May 2, 2003

SUBJECT: Changing the name of the Department of Community and Economic Development to the Department of Commerce - HB 288

TO: Representative Vic Kohring
Attn: Ben

FROM: Terri Lauterbach
Legislative Counsel 

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

Section 1. States that the purpose of the Act is to change the name of the Department of Community and Economic Development to the Department of Commerce.

Section 2. Changes the name of the Department of Community and Economic Development to the Department of Commerce.

Section 3. Instructs the revisor of statutes and the regulations attorney to amend the Alaska Statutes and the Alaska Administrative Code to change the name of the Department of Community and Economic Development to the Department of Commerce and to change the commissioner of community and economic development to the commissioner of commerce.

If you have any questions about this bill, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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FISCAL NOTE

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Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: HB 288
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DCED
 Title Changing Name of Dept of Comm & Econ. Dev. BRU Executive Admin (119)
 Component Commissioner's Office
 Sponsor Representative Kohring
 Requester House State Affairs Component No. 1027

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0
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POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill changes the name of the Department of Community and Economic Development to the Department of Commerce. The department will implement the change to the new name as supplies need to be replenished; therefore, no new funds are required to implement this bill.

Prepared by: Tom Lawson, Director Phone 907-465-2506
 Division Administrative Services Date/Time 4/30/03 3:03 PM
 Approved by: Edgar Blatchford, Commissioner Date 4/30/2003
 Agency Department of Community & Economic Development

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Frank H. Murkowski, Governor

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April 30, 2003

The Honorable Bruce Weyhrauch
House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol, Room 102
Juneau AK 99811

Re: HB288 – NAME CHANGE FOR DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dear Representative Weyhrauch:

I am writing to request that a hearing be held on this bill by the House State Affairs Committee. The purpose of this bill is to change the name of the department from the Department of Community and Economic Development to the Department of Commerce.

The Department of Commerce was formed at statehood to regulate businesses operating in Alaska. The Department of Economic Development was created in 1964 to promote economic, industrial and tourism development in the state. On July 1, 1975, these two departments were combined into the newly-formed Department of Commerce and Economic Development. The name was changed again in July 1999 when the Department of Community and Regional Affairs was merged into the Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

We believe that this name change will provide a simple, clear message as to who we are as we continue to promote independent sustainable communities and economic development in Alaska.

If you have any questions about this bill, please contact me at 465-2503.

Sincerely,

Ed. Blatchford

Edgar Blatchford
Commissioner



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Subject: DCED FN HB288 Name Change

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Bill Sponsor: Kohring
Requesting Committee: H STA
Hearing: May 6 at 8 am

Ellen--Given the hearing is tomorrow at 8 am I have taken the liberty of transmitting the fn to both the sponsor's office and H STA. Just so everyone knows the Commissioner would like the name to be changed to "Commerce & Economic Development" instead of simply Commerce as the bill currently states. He will address this in his remarks in the morning. Let me know if you have any questions.

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