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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Introduced:
Referred:

A RESOLUTION

1 **Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State**
2 **Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 288, relating to changing the name of the**
3 **Department of Community and Economic Development.**

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

5 That under Rule 54, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, the provisions of
6 Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, regarding
7 changes to the title of a bill, are suspended in consideration of House Bill No. 288, relating to
8 changing the name of the Department of Community and Economic Development.

FISCAL NOTE

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2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2
Bill Version: 2d CSHB 288(RLS)
(H) Publish Date: 1/21/04

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DCED
Title: DCED Name Change RDU: Executive Admin & Dev (119)
Component: Commissioner's Office
Sponsor: Representative Kohring
Requester: House Rules Component No.: 1027

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
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 (FY2004) cost: 0.0
Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

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 and Economic Development. 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.

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Agency: Department of Community & Economic Development

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

CS for House Bill 288

"Changing the name of the Department of Community & Economic Development"

Confusion exists as to the actual mission of the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) on whether Alaska has an agency that is tasked with promoting commerce and economic development. It has somewhat complicated efforts to attract investment to the state.

Governor Murkowski, in his State of the State speech in January, announced his administration was now referring to the department as the "Department of Commerce" (short, for the Department of Commerce & Economic Development).

The Committee Substitute for House Bill 288 officially renames DCED to the Department of *Commerce* and Community and Economic Development. I believe the name change more closely reflects its mission. That is, to further commerce and develop Alaska's economy.

Further, the name change more correctly reflects the goals and strategies of the department, such as promoting local economic development and crucial infrastructure, marketing Alaska's goods and services throughout the world, organizing and conducting business trade missions to expand product sales in current markets and develop new markets, and facilitating the exchange of information between Alaska exporters and potential customers.

Lastly, by adding the name "Commerce" into the title, it becomes consistent with numerous other states, including Utah, Montana, Idaho, and North Dakota and South Dakota.

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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

HB 288

Changing the name of the Department of Community and Economic Development

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 and Economic Development.

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

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 Economic Development and to change the Commissioner of Community and Economic Development to the Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development.



May 7, 2003

Representative Vic Kohring
Alaska State Legislature
State Capital (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Kohring:

The purpose of this letter is to express AEDC's support for HB 288 'Changing the Name of the Department of Community and Economic Development' to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development. The name change seems to more accurately reflect the mission of the Department. Substituting the word "commerce" should also provide clearer direction to those parties interested in contacting state government about doing business in the state.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (907) 258-3700.

Sincerely,


Larry Crawford
President & CEO, AEDC



Frank H. Murkowski, Governor

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07 May 2003

The Honorable Vic Kohring
House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol, Room 24
Juneau, AK 99811

RE: Support of HB 288 – Name Change for the Department of Community and Economic Development

Dear Representative Kohring;

Thank you for introducing House Bill 288 - Name Change for the Department of Community and Economic Development. The administration supports changing the name of the Department of Community and Economic Development to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

In the coming years, our mineral, oil and gas resources will become a stronger element in the health of the state's economy. The new title of the Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development implies that the economic growth of the state will improve living conditions for all individuals. As our commercial interests grow stronger, there will be more opportunities for Alaskans to receive training to engage in the spectrum of jobs that will become available.


This name change will communicate to international business partners that Alaska is serious and focused on development. The government to government message will be crisp and clear. Alaska is intent on being an honorable and competent player in the commercial system of the world. The Department will serve as a liaison between private sector business, state and local government and the people across the state of Alaska. It will focus on both local and external commercial conditions, and will assist the communities to participate in the associated economic activity.

As we commercialize Alaska's resources and move toward utilization of emerging routes to global markets, the Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development will send a clear message to the world. Thank you for your support in helping accomplish this change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed. Blatchford".

Edgar Blatchford
Commissioner



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MONEY MAGAZINE RATES ANCHORAGE AS A . . .

Hot city

ANCHORAGE'S RATING by CNN Money Magazine as the 13th-best city in the West was a notable achievement. Now we can prove what most of us have always known.

The magazine ranked our city among all other cities in the West with populations of more than 100,000. The rating was based on criteria like weather, family incomes, lack of an income tax, housing costs, leisure, recreational and cultural facilities, health care available, environment, crime, student-teacher ratios and educational institutions.

One notable aspect of the ranking was that 11 of the 12 top Western cities were Sunbelt cities in California, Arizona and Texas. The only other Snowbelt community was Westminster, Colo., a mile-high suburb of Denver.

Anchorage was also the largest of the 13 top "hottest cities," with a listed population of 272,830, which it cited as a 21 percent increase from 1990. The next largest was Plano, Texas, the number one Western city, which has a population of 271,090, an increase of 113 percent from 1990.

THE RATING was based on a scientific approach. The magazine started with statistics on 271 U.S. cities with the highest median household income levels in the nation and above average population growth. That data was then cross-referenced with what the magazine called lifestyle segmentation data supplied by an organization that tracks such things.

Anchorage's median household income was given as \$59,548, ranking 11th in that category. Plano topped the household income ratings with \$82,857 per family.

Only 87 communities met the magazine's criteria and made the final cut — 31 in the West, 22 in the Central Region and 34 in the East. Eighteen Western cities of less than 100,000 population made the list; all of them were in California and Texas.

The fact that Anchorage is a great place to live is no surprise to most of those who live here. It is quite a surprise to see a national organization like CNN Money Magazine use scientific data and prove that to be the case.

It makes sense

THE HOUSE has approved a new name for the state Department of Community & Economic Development. If the Senate goes along, the new moniker will be the Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development.

In these days when the state is involved in endless arguments about budget gaps and financial reserves, putting a new emphasis on the department's mission to stimulate commercial development makes good sense.

Rep. Vic Kohring, a Valley Republican, is the sponsor of the measure. The change, he said, will let "the world know that we're open to do business and we welcome investments here." Yes, indeed.

Letters to T

Youth ponders gun control

With all the recent shootings in Anchorage, people are saying we need better gun control. That's ridiculous! Have you ever read the book: "Hatchet?" The main character, Brian, is stranded in the middle of nowhere with nothing but a hatchet, which he uses to hunt and start fires. Taking away everyone's firearms would be like the author taking away Brian's hatchet and source of life.

We need our firearms. They keep us alive like the hatchet kept Brian alive. We need them for protection. Please call your legislators and tell them to let us keep our firearms.

Justin Oiler, age 10
 Anchorage



Look at your gas bill

Yammering against the development of coal bed methane, the greensies and NIMBYs in MatSu and Homer areas are demanding that the state buy up all subsurface mineral leases. They claim to be shocked about private property rights and don't want unwilling property owners to have wells forced on their properties. (Evergreen always asks first, pays rent, and does not force wells on unwilling property owners.)

What would happen if the state caves in and buys back all outstanding leases? First, every property owner who wants a well on their property is deprived of that choice and lease revenues, and Mat-Su and Anchorage are deprived of a large number of new, high-paying jobs. Most importantly, Southcentral Alaska will not get a new source of natural gas to replace Cook Inlet fields that are being rapidly depleted. If you don't think this is a problem, look at your rising Enstar bill.

Keep selling the leases. Drill the wells. Bring on the jobs and natural gas.

Alex Gimarc
 Anchorage

Grizzly People

Just to set the record straight: Grizzly People is a legitimate nonprofit under the fiscal sponsorship of SEE, Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs. Ev-

ery donation is tax deductible. I am a reporter who reported that on Timothy Treadwell (first Jan. 10 editorial is drawn) after spending quite a bit of time with me and SEE, yet he doubts. You can go to save if there are any questions about Grizzly People's legitimacy.

Man on Mars a lon

A recent Voice of the Times lauded President Bush's plan to send a man on Mars using the space station as an example of good spending. The space station is a factor of 10 and it is completed. Currently we have Russians to service it, and from completion.

At the same time, one successful space endeavor, the Hubble telescope, is now going to be replaced earlier than planned, at NASA announcement. At that date I am sure we will establish a base and even go to Mars. Statements by the president make one wonder if he knows which way is up.

Yours, mine or ours

The Times' Jan. 20 editorial stated that the Permanent Fu-

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