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- 1 sustained growth and development of Alaskan scientific and engineering capabilities;
- 2 (2) implement the BIDCO assistance program under AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390.

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE B.DAVIS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to certain business development corporations."

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

3 \* Section 1. AS 10 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

4 CHAPTER 13. BIDCOS.

5 ARTICLE 1. PURPOSES AND LICENSING.

6 Sec. 10.13.010. PURPOSES. The purposes of this chapter are to

7 (1) promote economic development by encouraging the formation of one or more  
8 BIDCOs to help meet the financing assistance and management assistance needs of businesses  
9 in the state;

10 (2) establish a system of licensing, regulation, and enforcement to enable a  
11 BIDCO to satisfy the eligibility requirements for participating in programs that further the  
12 purposes of the BIDCO;

13 (3) encourage capital sources to invest in and lend money to BIDCOs by  
14 providing for BIDCOs a system of licensing, regulation, and enforcement designed to prevent

1 fraud, conflict of interest, and mismanagement, and to promote competent management, accurate  
2 record keeping, and appropriate communication with shareholders;

3 (4) safeguard the general reputation of BIDCOs in order to increase the  
4 confidence of prospective equity investors in and prospective debt sources for BIDCOs.

5 Sec. 10.13.020. QUALIFICATIONS FOR BIDCO LICENSE. The department shall issue  
6 a license to operate as a BIDCO to a corporation that is incorporated under AS 10.06, or that has  
7 been issued a certificate of authority under AS 10.06 to transact business in the state, and that  
8 submits an application to the department, if the department determines that

9 (1) the applicant has the net worth required under AS 10.13.040;

10 (2) the directors, officers, and controlling persons of the applicant satisfy the  
11 criteria under AS 10.13.050;

12 (3) it is reasonable to believe that the corporation will comply with this chapter;

13 (4) the applicant has a reasonable promise of being a viable, ongoing BIDCO,  
14 satisfying the basic objectives of the corporation's business plans, and achieving long-term  
15 financial success.

16 Sec. 10.13.030. APPLICATION PROCEDURE. When applying for a license, an  
17 applicant shall provide the information required by the department in the form required by the  
18 department. The information must include information on the directors, officers, and controlling  
19 persons of the applicant, the applicant's business plan, including at least 10 years of detailed  
20 financial projections and other relevant information, and additional information considered  
21 relevant by the department.

22 Sec. 10.13.040. REQUISITE NET WORTH. (a) In order to receive a license, an  
23 applicant must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department that the applicant has raised  
24 sufficient capital so that

25 (1) the net worth of the BIDCO is expected to be adequate, in the context of its  
26 business plan, to support the BIDCO's management team and to achieve an appropriate spreading  
27 of the risk involved in the BIDCO's provisions of financing assistance; and

28 (2) the BIDCO has a reasonable promise of being a viable, ongoing BIDCO,  
29 satisfying the basic objectives of its business plan and achieving long-term financial success.

30 (b) Unless the BIDCO receives a loan under AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390, the department  
31 may not establish a minimum net worth for a BIDCO under this section of less than \$1,500,000.

1 If the BIDCO, as part of its initial capitalization, receives a loan under AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390,  
2 the minimum net worth of the BIDCO may be \$500,000, excluding organization costs paid for  
3 or owed by the BIDCO.

4 Sec. 10.13.050. CRITERIA FOR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND CONTROLLING  
5 PERSONS. (a) A license may only be issued if the department determines that each director,  
6 officer, and controlling person of the applicant is

7 (1) of good character and sound financial standing;

8 (2) competent to perform the director's or officer's functions for the applicant;

9 and

10 (3) when considered collectively with the other directors, officers, and controlling  
11 persons, adequate to manage the business of the applicant as a BIDCO.

12 (b) The department may determine that a director, officer, or controlling person of an  
13 applicant is not of good character. Bases the department may use to make that determination  
14 include proof that the director, officer, or controlling person, or a director or officer of a  
15 controlling person has

16 (1) had an administrative sanction imposed under 31 U.S.C. 3801 - 3812 (Program  
17 Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986) for an offense under 15 U.S.C. 645; or

18 (2) been convicted of a crime involving fraud or dishonesty, including a  
19 conviction for an offense under 15 U.S.C. 645; in this paragraph, "conviction" includes a  
20 conviction based on a guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere.

21 Sec. 10.13.060. DETERMINATION OF FUTURE NONCOMPLIANCE. The department  
22 may determine that it is not reasonable to believe that an applicant would comply with this  
23 chapter if licensed. Bases the department may use to make that determination include proof that  
24 the applicant has been convicted of a crime involving fraud or dishonesty, including a conviction  
25 based on a guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere.

26 Sec. 10.13.070. DENIAL OF APPLICATION. If the department denies a license the  
27 department shall provide the applicant with a written statement explaining the reasons for the  
28 denial.

29 Sec. 10.13.080. DISPLAY OF LICENSE. A licensee shall post the license in a  
30 conspicuous place in the licensee's principal office.

31 Sec. 10.13.090. TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENT OF LICENSE PROHIBITED. A

1 licensee may not transfer or assign its license.

2 Sec. 10.13.100. SURRENDER OF LICENSE. (a) Upon approval by a two-thirds vote  
3 of its board of directors and after complying with (b) and (c) of this section, a licensee may apply  
4 to the department to have the department accept the surrender of the licensee's license. If the  
5 department determines that the requirements of this section have been satisfied, the department  
6 shall approve the application unless the department determines that the purpose of the application  
7 is to evade a current or prospective action by the department under AS 10.13.700 - 10.13.830.

8 (b) Not less than 60 days before filing an application under (a) of this section, a licensee  
9 shall notify all of its shareholders and creditors of its intention to file the application. Each  
10 creditor shall be notified of the right to comment to the department. Each shareholder shall be  
11 notified of the right to file with the licensee an objection to the proposed surrender of the license  
12 within the 60-day period and shall be advised that, if the shareholder files an objection, the  
13 shareholder may also send a copy of the objection to the department.

14 (c) If shareholders representing 20 percent of the outstanding voting securities of the  
15 licensee file an objection with the licensee, the licensee may not proceed with the application  
16 unless the application is approved by a vote of shareholders representing two-thirds of the  
17 outstanding voting securities of the licensee.

## 18 ARTICLE 2. CORPORATE MATTERS.

19 Sec. 10.13.120. CORPORATE NAME. (a) The corporate name of a licensee must  
20 include the word "BIDCO" or "Bidco." A licensee may not transact business under a name other  
21 than its corporate name.

22 (b) Before being issued a license, a corporation that proposes to apply for a license or  
23 that applies for a license may perform, under a name that indicates that the corporation is a  
24 corporation licensed under this chapter, the acts necessary to apply for and obtain a license and  
25 otherwise prepare to begin business as a licensee. The corporation may not represent that it is  
26 a licensee until after the license has been obtained.

27 Sec. 10.13.130. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (a) The board of directors of a licensee  
28 must have at least seven directors.

29 (b) The board of directors shall hold at least one meeting each calendar quarter.

30 Sec. 10.13.140. NOTICE OF OFFICER AND DIRECTOR CHANGES. Within 30 days  
31 of each of the following events, the licensee shall notify the department in writing of the event

1 and provide any additional information that the department requires:

- 2 (1) the death, resignation, or removal of a director or officer;  
3 (2) the election of a director; or  
4 (3) the appointment of an officer.

5 Sec. 10.13.150. DIVIDENDS. (a) A licensee may not pay or obligate itself to pay a  
6 cash dividend or dividend in kind to the licensee's shareholders unless the payment is consistent  
7 with a dividend policy that has been adopted by the licensee and approved by the department.

8 (b) When approving dividend policies under this section, the department shall consider  
9 the special characteristics of BIDCOs and the diverse range of dividend policies that are  
10 potentially appropriate for a BIDCO, without allowing the licensee to engage in unsafe or  
11 unsound acts that could threaten the viability of the licensee as an ongoing BIDCO by eroding  
12 its capital base.

13 (c) The department may at any time withdraw a previous approval of a dividend policy  
14 if the department determines that the withdrawal is necessary to prevent unsafe or unsound acts.

15 Sec. 10.13.160. STOCK BUY-BACK. A licensee may not buy back or obligate itself  
16 to buy back a share of equity interest from a shareholder without the prior approval of the  
17 department.

### 18 ARTICLE 3. TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

19 Sec. 10.13.170. OFFICES. (a) A licensee shall maintain at least one office in this state.

20 (b) A licensee may not maintain an office outside this state.

21 (c) The location of each office of a licensee must be reasonably accessible to the public.

22 (d) A licensee shall post in a conspicuous place at each of the licensee's offices a sign  
23 that bears the corporate name of the licensee.

24 (e) If a licensee establishes, relocates, or closes an office, the licensee shall give the  
25 department written notice within 30 days of the event.

26 Sec. 10.13.180. BUSINESS OF LICENSEE. A licensee may not engage in a business  
27 other than providing financing assistance and management assistance to businesses.

28 Sec. 10.13.190. GENERAL POWERS. In addition to the other powers given by this  
29 chapter and the powers conferred on the licensee by the laws under which it is incorporated that  
30 are not inconsistent with this chapter, a licensee may

31 (1) borrow money and otherwise incur indebtedness for the licensee's purposes,

1 including the issuing of corporate bonds, debentures, notes, and other evidence of indebtedness;  
2 a licensee's indebtedness may be secured or unsecured, and may involve equity features,  
3 including provisions for conversion to stock and warrants to purchase stock;

4 (2) make contracts;

5 (3) incur and pay necessary and incidental operating expenses;

6 (4) purchase, receive, hold, lease, acquire, sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, or  
7 otherwise acquire or dispose of real or personal property, and the rights and privileges that are  
8 incidental and appurtenant to the transactions, if the real or personal property is for the licensee's  
9 use in operating the licensee's business or if the real or personal property is acquired by the  
10 licensee from time to time in satisfaction of debts or the enforcement of obligations;

11 (5) make donations for charitable, educational, research, or similar purposes;

12 (6) provide financing assistance and management assistance to businesses and  
13 establish the terms and conditions of the assistance;

14 (7) implement a reasonable and prudent policy for conserving and investing the  
15 licensee's money before the money is used to provide financing assistance to businesses or to pay  
16 the expenses of the licensee;

17 (8) exercise the incidental powers that are necessary, convenient, or reasonably  
18 related to providing financing assistance and management assistance to businesses.

19 Sec. 10.13.200. FINANCING ASSISTANCE FORM, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS. A  
20 licensee may determine the form, terms, and conditions for the financing assistance that it will  
21 provide.

22 Sec. 10.13.210. FINANCING ASSISTANCE ALLOWED. The financing assistance that  
23 a licensee may provide includes

24 (1) loans;

25 (2) purchase of debt instruments;

26 (3) straight equity investments including the purchase of common stock or  
27 preferred stock;

28 (4) debt with equity features including warrants to purchase stock, convertible  
29 debentures, or receipt of a percent of net income or sales;

30 (5) royalty-based financing;

31 (6) debt guarantees;

1 (7) property leasing.

2 Sec. 10.13.220. PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMS. (a) A licensee  
3 may participate in a federal, state, or local government program for which the licensee is eligible  
4 and that has as the program's function the provision or facilitation of financing assistance or  
5 management assistance to businesses.

6 (b) If a licensee participates in a program referred to in (a) of this section, the licensee  
7 shall comply with the requirements of the program.

8 Sec. 10.13.230. SCOPE OF MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE. When providing  
9 management assistance, a licensee may provide management advice, management services,  
10 technical advice, and technical services.

11 Sec. 10.13.240. LIMITATION TO PURPOSES OF BUSINESS. Financing assistance  
12 and management assistance provided by a licensee to a business may only be for the business  
13 purposes of the business.

14 Sec. 10.13.250. CONTROL OF OTHER BUSINESSES. A licensee may not hold control  
15 of another business, except as provided under AS 10.13.260 - 10.13.280. In this section,  
16 "licensee" includes the licensee in concert with a director, officer, controlling person, or affiliate  
17 of the licensee.

18 Sec. 10.13.260. CONTROL OF ASSISTED BUSINESS. (a) A licensee that has  
19 provided financing assistance to a business may acquire and hold control of the business to the  
20 extent it becomes necessary to protect the licensee's interest as a creditor of, or investor in, the  
21 business.

22 (b) Unless the department approves a longer period, a licensee holding control of a  
23 business under this section shall divest itself of the control as soon as practicable, or within five  
24 years after acquiring the interest, whichever is sooner.

25 (c) Within 30 days after a licensee exercises its authority to acquire and hold control of  
26 a business under this section, the licensee shall notify the department of the action. The  
27 notification must include the reasons why it is necessary for the licensee to acquire and hold  
28 control of the business and the length of time the licensee anticipates that it may be necessary  
29 to hold control of the business.

30 Sec. 10.13.270. CONTROL OF BUSINESS PROVIDING FINANCING ASSISTANCE  
31 AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE. With the approval of the department, a licensee may

1 acquire and hold control of another business that is engaged only in the business of providing  
2 financing assistance and management assistance to businesses.

3 Sec. 10.13.280. CONTROL OF OTHER BUSINESSES. (a) With the approval of the  
4 department, a licensee may acquire and hold control of a business not otherwise allowed under  
5 AS 10.13.250 - 10.13.270.

6 (b) The department may not approve an application under (a) of this section unless the  
7 department determines that

8 (1) the acquisition and control will not cause the amount of the licensee's  
9 investments in businesses covered by this section to exceed 15 percent of the assets of the  
10 licensee; and

11 (2) in the department's judgment the approval will promote the purposes of this  
12 chapter.

13 (c) An approval under (a) of this section may not be for a period of more than three  
14 years, unless the department determines that a longer period is necessary and consistent with the  
15 purposes of this chapter.

16 Sec. 10.13.285. "HOLD CONTROL" DEFINED. In AS 10.13.250 - 10.13.280, "hold  
17 control" means to directly or indirectly own, of record or beneficially, 50 percent or more of a  
18 business's outstanding voting equity interests.

19 Sec. 10.13.290. BUSINESS PRACTICE STANDARD. (a) A licensee shall transact its  
20 business in a safe and sound manner and shall maintain itself in a safe and sound condition.

21 (b) In determining whether a licensee is transacting business in a safe and sound manner,  
22 the department may not consider the risk of providing financing assistance to a business, unless  
23 the department determines that the risk is great enough to demonstrate gross mismanagement  
24 when compared with the return that can be realistically expected.

25 (c) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the department may

26 (1) if the amount of the financing assistance is unduly large in relation to the total  
27 assets or the total shareholder equity of the licensee, determine that a licensee's financing  
28 assistance to a single business or group of affiliated businesses violates (a) of this section or  
29 constitutes an unsafe or unsound act;

30 (2) require that a licensee maintain a reserve in the amount of anticipated losses;

31 (3) require that a licensee have in effect a written financing assistance policy

1 approved by the licensee's board of directors, including credit evaluation and other matters; the  
2 department may not require that a licensee adopt a financing assistance policy that contains  
3 standards that prevent the licensee from exercising needed flexibility in evaluating and structuring  
4 financing assistance to businesses on an individual basis.

5 Sec. 10.13.300. DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST. A person  
6 shall disclose a potential conflict of interest that occurs in a transaction in the financing  
7 documents of the transaction or, if the transaction does not involve financing assistance, in  
8 another appropriate document, if the person

9 (1) participates in a decision of a licensee relating to the transaction; and

10 (2) knows of a potential conflict of interest involving the transaction.

11 Sec. 10.13.310. TERMS WHERE POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST IS  
12 INVOLVED. If a licensee provides financing assistance to a business or engages in another  
13 business transaction, and if the assistance or transaction involves a potential conflict of interest,  
14 the terms and conditions under which the licensee provides the assistance or engages in the  
15 transaction may not be less favorable to the licensee than the terms and conditions that would  
16 be required by the licensee in the ordinary course of business if the assistance or transaction did  
17 not involve a potential conflict of interest.

18 Sec. 10.13.320. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DEFINED. (a) In  
19 AS 10.13.300 - 10.13.310, licensee transactions that involve a potential conflict of interest include

20 (1) providing financing assistance to a principal shareholder of the licensee, to a  
21 person controlled by a principal shareholder of the licensee, or to a director, officer, partner,  
22 relative, controlling person, or affiliate of a principal shareholder of the licensee;

23 (2) providing financing assistance to a business to which one or more of the  
24 following provides or plans to provide contemporaneous financing assistance:

25 (A) a principal shareholder of the licensee;

26 (B) a director, officer, partner, relative, controlling person, or affiliate of  
27 a principal shareholder of a licensee;

28 (C) an affiliate of a principal shareholder of a licensee; or

29 (D) a person controlled by a principal shareholder of the licensee;

30 (3) providing financing assistance to a business that has or is expected to have  
31 a substantial business relationship with another business that has a director, officer, or controlling

1 person who is also

2 (A) a director, officer, or controlling person of the licensee; or

3 (B) the spouse of a director, officer, or controlling person of the licensee;

4 (4) providing financing assistance to a business if the business, or a director,  
5 officer, or controlling person of the business contemporaneously has lent or will lend money to  
6 an associate of the licensee;

7 (5) providing financing assistance for the purchase of property of an associate or  
8 principal shareholder of the licensee;

9 (6) selling or otherwise transferring an asset of the licensee to an associate or  
10 principal shareholder of the licensee.

11 (b) In this section, "relative" means a parent, child, sibling, spouse, grandparent,  
12 grandchild, nephew, niece, aunt, or uncle, or a relative of the same degree through marriage.

#### 13 ARTICLE 4. MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS.

14 Sec. 10.13.400. ACQUIRING CONTROL OF A LICENSEE. A person may not acquire  
15 control of a licensee without the prior approval of the department.

16 Sec. 10.13.410. APPLICATION TO ACQUIRE CONTROL. (a) The department shall  
17 approve an application to acquire control of a licensee under AS 10.13.400 if the department  
18 determines that

19 (1) the applicant and the directors and officers of the applicant are of good  
20 character and sound financial standing;

21 (2) it is reasonable to believe that the applicant will comply with this chapter; and

22 (3) the plans, if any, of the applicant to make a major change in the business,  
23 corporate structure, or management of the licensee are not detrimental to the safety and soundness  
24 of the licensee.

25 (b) If, after notice and a hearing, the department determines that the criteria for approval  
26 in (a) of this section have not been satisfied, the department shall deny the application.

27 Sec. 10.13.420. DETERMINATIONS. (a) When the department is reviewing an  
28 application under AS 10.13.410, the department may determine that an

29 (1) applicant or a director or officer of an applicant is not of good character if the  
30 person has been convicted of a crime involving fraud or dishonesty, including a conviction based  
31 on a guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere;

1                   (2) applicant's plan to make a major change in the management of a licensee is  
2 detrimental to the safety and soundness of the licensee if the plan provides for a person to  
3 become a director or officer of the licensee and the person has been convicted of a crime  
4 involving fraud or dishonesty, including a conviction based on a guilty plea or plea of nolo  
5 contendere.

6                   (b) The conditions described in (a) of this section are not the only conditions upon which  
7 the department may determine that an applicant or a director or an officer of an applicant is not  
8 of good character or that an applicant's plan to make a major change in the management of a  
9 licensee is detrimental to the safety and soundness of the licensee.

10                  Sec. 10.13.430. MERGER. A licensee may not merge with another corporation unless  
11 the merger is approved by the department, and, if the licensee is not the surviving corporation,  
12 the surviving corporation is a licensee.

13                  Sec. 10.13.440. PURCHASE. A licensee may not purchase all or substantially all of the  
14 business of another person unless the purchase is approved by the department.

15                  Sec. 10.13.450. SALE. A licensee may not sell all or substantially all of the licensee's  
16 business or of the business of an office of the licensee to another person unless the purchaser is  
17 a licensee and the sale is approved by the department.

18                  Sec. 10.13.460. DEPARTMENT APPROVAL. The department may not approve a  
19 merger, purchase, or sale under AS 10.13.430 - 10.13.450 unless the department determines that

20                         (1) the merger, purchase, or sale will be safe and sound with respect to the  
21 acquiring licensee;

22                         (2) upon consummation of the merger, purchase, or sale, it is reasonable to  
23 believe that the acquiring licensee will comply with this chapter;

24                         (3) the merger, purchase, or sale will not have a major detrimental effect on  
25 competition in the providing of financial assistance or management assistance to businesses, or,  
26 if there will be a detrimental effect, the merger, purchase, or sale is necessary in the interests of  
27 the safety and soundness of a party to the merger, purchase, or sale, or is otherwise, on balance,  
28 in the public interest.

29                  ARTICLE 5. REGULATION, REPORTING, AND EXAMINATION.

30                  Sec. 10.13.470. ADMINISTRATION. The department shall administer this chapter. The  
31 department may issue orders and may adopt regulations that, in the opinion of the department,

1 are necessary to execute, enforce, and achieve the purposes of this chapter. Adoption of  
2 regulations under this chapter is subject to the AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act).

3 Sec. 10.13.480. CONDITIONS OF ORDER OR LICENSE. When the department issues  
4 an order or license under this chapter, the department may impose conditions that the department  
5 determines are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

6 Sec. 10.13.490. DECLARATORY RULINGS. The department may provide to an  
7 interested person a declaratory ruling on a provision of this chapter.

8 Sec. 10.13.500. JUDICIAL REVIEW. A final order, decision, license, or other official  
9 act of the department under this chapter is subject to judicial review by the superior court under  
10 the applicable rules of court.

11 Sec. 10.13.510. INVESTIGATIONS. The department may make public or private  
12 investigations inside or outside the state that the department considers necessary to determine  
13 whether to approve an application for a license, to determine whether a person has violated or  
14 is about to violate this chapter, to aid in the enforcement of this chapter, or to aid in issuing an  
15 order or adopting a regulation under this chapter.

16 Sec. 10.13.520. INVESTIGATIVE POWERS. For the purposes of an investigation,  
17 examination, or other proceeding under this chapter, the department may administer oaths and  
18 affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel the attendance of witnesses, take evidence, and require  
19 the production of books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, agreements, and other documents  
20 or records that the department considers relevant or material to the proceeding.

21 Sec. 10.13.530. FAILURE TO COMPLY. If a person fails to comply with a subpoena  
22 issued by the department under this chapter or to testify with respect to a matter covered by this  
23 chapter, the superior court may issue an order requiring the attendance of the person and the  
24 giving of testimony or production of evidence.

25 Sec. 10.13.540. SERVICE OF PROCESS. If the department is authorized to make  
26 service of process in connection with a noncriminal administrative proceeding under this chapter,  
27 the department may make the service by registered or certified mail.

28 Sec. 10.13.550. FEES. A person shall pay the department

- 29 (1) \$2,500 for filing an application for a license;  
30 (2) \$1,250 for filing an application for approval to acquire control of a licensee;  
31 (3) \$1,250 for filing an application for approval for a merger, purchase, or sale

1 under AS 10.13.430 - 10.13.460; if two or more applications relating to the same merger,  
2 purchase, or sale are filed, the fee for filing each application is the figure resulting from dividing  
3 \$1,250 by the number of the applications;

4 (4) \$2,500 each calendar year at the time established by the department, if the  
5 person is a licensee;

6 (5) a fee established by the department for the examination of a licensee or a  
7 subsidiary of a licensee; the fee shall be paid within 30 days after receiving a statement from the  
8 department; a fee established under this paragraph must include

9 (A) the proportionate part of the salaries and cost of employee benefits of  
10 the examiners while conducting the examination and while preparing the examination  
11 report; and

12 (B) the transportation costs and per diem costs of each examiner while  
13 away from the examiner's duty station.

14 Sec. 10.13.560. FEE PAYMENT AND REFUNDS. A fee for filing an application with  
15 the department shall be paid at the time the application is filed with the department and is not  
16 refundable.

17 Sec. 10.13.570. RECORD AND REPORT REQUIREMENTS. (a) A licensee shall make  
18 and keep books, accounts, and other records in the form and manner, at the place, and for the  
19 period of time that the department establishes.

20 (b) A licensee, affiliate of a licensee, and a subsidiary of a licensee shall file with the  
21 department the reports that the department requires. A report must be in the form and contain  
22 the information that the department requires.

23 (c) The department may require by order that a licensee include an asset on the licensee's  
24 books and records at a valuation that represents the current value of the asset.

25 (d) Not later than 90 days after the close of the calendar year, or a longer period if  
26 established by the department, a licensee shall file with the department an audit report containing

27 (1) financial statements, including a balance sheet, statement of income or loss,  
28 statement of changes in capital accounts, and statement of changes in financial position for, or  
29 as of the end of, the calendar year, prepared with an audit by an independent certified public  
30 accountant in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

31 (2) a report, certificate, or opinion of the independent certified public accountant

1 who performs the audit, stating that the financial statements were prepared in accordance with  
2 generally accepted accounting principles; and

3 (3) other information that the department may require.

4 Sec. 10.13.580. RECORDS AND REPORTS KEPT BY OTHERS. (a) If a person other  
5 than a licensee makes or keeps all or part of the books, accounts, or other records of the licensee,  
6 this chapter applies to the person with respect to the books, accounts, and other records to the  
7 same extent as if the person were the licensee.

8 (b) If a person other than an affiliate or subsidiary of a licensee makes or keeps all or  
9 part of the books, accounts, or other records of the affiliate or subsidiary, this chapter applies to  
10 the person with respect to the books, accounts, and other records to the same extent as if the  
11 person were the affiliate or subsidiary.

12 (c) If the department considers it expedient, the department may require a licensee to  
13 obtain the approval of the department before permitting another person to make or keep all or  
14 part of the books, accounts, or other records of the licensee.

15 Sec. 10.13.590. INFORMATION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFECT. Each  
16 year the department shall publish and provide to the legislature information on the effect of this  
17 chapter on promoting economic development in the state. The information must include  
18 aggregate statistics on

19 (1) the number and dollar amount of the financing assistance made by licensees  
20 to businesses;

21 (2) the number and dollar amount of the financing assistance made by licensees  
22 to businesses; the amounts shall be organized into broad categories based on the types of industry  
23 involved; the standard industrial classification manual may be used for the categories;

24 (3) the number and dollar amount of the financing assistance made by licensees  
25 to minority-owned businesses and to businesses owned by women; and

26 (4) estimates of the number of jobs created or retained.

27 Sec. 10.13.600. EXAMINATION OF LICENSEES AND SUBSIDIARIES. (a) The  
28 department may at any time examine a licensee or a subsidiary of a licensee. Licensure under  
29 this chapter constitutes implied consent to examination by the department.

30 (b) The department shall examine a licensee at least once during each calendar year.

31 (c) At the department's request the following persons shall provide to the department the

1 books, accounts, and records of a licensee or a licensee's subsidiary and shall otherwise facilitate  
2 the department's examination of the licensee to the fullest extent possible:

3 (1) a director, officer, or employee of a licensee being examined by the  
4 department;

5 (2) a director, officer, or employee of a subsidiary of a licensee being examined  
6 by the department;

7 (3) a person having custody of the books, accounts, or records of a licensee being  
8 examined by the department;

9 (4) a person having custody of the books, accounts, or records of a subsidiary of  
10 a licensee being examined by the department.

11 (d) The department may retain a certified public accountant, attorney, appraiser, or other  
12 person to assist the department in the examination of a licensee or a subsidiary of a licensee if  
13 the department determines that the assistance is necessary. Within 10 days after receipt of a  
14 statement from the department, the licensee being examined shall pay the fees of a person  
15 retained by the department under this subsection.

#### 16 ARTICLE 6. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.

17 Sec. 10.13.610. MISREPRESENTATION. (a) Except as otherwise provided in  
18 AS 10.13.120, a person transacting business in the state who is not a licensee may not knowingly  
19 use a name or title that indicates that the person is a BIDCO or otherwise represent that the  
20 person is a BIDCO or a licensee.

21 (b) A licensee may not knowingly misrepresent the meaning or effect of its license.

22 Sec. 10.13.620. INSPECTION OR COPYING REFUSAL. A person having custody of  
23 all or part of the books, accounts, or other records of a licensee may not knowingly refuse to  
24 allow the department, upon request, to inspect or make copies of the records.

25 Sec. 10.13.630. FINANCING ASSISTANCE TO ASSOCIATES OF LICENSEE. A  
26 licensee may not directly or indirectly provide financing assistance to an associate of the licensee.

27 Sec. 10.13.640. FINANCING ASSISTANCE TO DISCHARGE OBLIGATION TO  
28 ASSOCIATE OF LICENSEE. A licensee may not directly or indirectly provide financing  
29 assistance to discharge, or to free money for use in discharging, part or all of an obligation to  
30 an associate of the licensee. This section does not apply to a transaction of an associate of a  
31 licensee in the normal course of the associate's business involving a line of credit or financing

1 assistance with a term of not more than five years.

2 Sec. 10.13.650. CONTEMPORANEOUS FINANCING ASSISTANCE. (a) If the terms  
3 on which a licensee provides financing assistance to a business are less favorable to the licensee  
4 than the terms on which an associate of the licensee provides financing assistance to the business,  
5 the licensee may not directly or indirectly provide the assistance to the business within one year  
6 before or after the associate provides assistance.

7 (b) If the financing assistance provided by the licensee's associate is of a different kind  
8 from the financing assistance provided by the licensee, the burden is on the licensee to prove that  
9 the terms on which the licensee provided the financing assistance were at least as favorable to  
10 the licensee as the terms on which the associate provided the assistance.

11 (c) This section does not apply

12 (1) if the associate is a controlling person of the licensee and is also the only  
13 shareholder of the licensee;

14 (2) if the associate is a subsidiary of the licensee;

15 (3) to a transaction of an associate of a licensee in the normal course of the  
16 associate's business involving either a line of credit or financing assistance with a term of not  
17 more than five years.

18 Sec. 10.13.660. COMPENSATION OF ASSOCIATE. (a) An associate of a licensee  
19 may not directly or indirectly receive from a person to whom the licensee provides financing  
20 assistance

21 (1) compensation in connection with the providing of the financing assistance; or

22 (2) other things of value for procuring, influencing, or attempting to procure or  
23 influence the licensee's action with respect to providing the financing assistance.

24 (b) This section does not apply to the receipt of fees by an associate of a licensee for  
25 bona fide services performed by the associate if

26 (1) the associate, with the consent and knowledge of the person to whom the  
27 financing assistance is provided, is designated by the licensee to perform the services;

28 (2) the services are appropriate and necessary under the circumstances;

29 (3) the fees for the services are approved as reasonable by the licensee; and

30 (4) the fees for the services are collected by the licensee, and the licensee pays  
31 the associate.



1           Sec. 10.13.740. OTHER CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS. If the department determines  
2           that a factor set out in AS 10.13.720 - 10.13.730 is true with respect to a licensee or subject  
3           person of a licensee and that the action or violation is likely to cause the insolvency or  
4           substantial dissipation of the assets or earnings of the licensee, is likely to seriously weaken the  
5           condition of the licensee, or is likely to otherwise seriously prejudice the interests of the licensee  
6           before the completion of proceedings conducted under AS 10.13.720 - 10.13.730, the department  
7           may order the licensee or subject person to cease and desist from the action or violation. The  
8           order may require the licensee or subject person to take affirmative action to correct a condition  
9           resulting from the action or violation.

10           Sec. 10.13.750. REMOVAL AND SUSPENSION ORDERS IN CASES OF VIOLATION  
11           OR BREACH OF DUTY. (a) The department may issue an order removing a subject person  
12           of a licensee from office with the licensee and prohibiting the subject person from further  
13           participating in any manner in the conduct of the business of the licensee if the department  
14           determines after notice and a hearing that

15                     (1) the person has violated this chapter or another applicable law, has engaged  
16           in an unsafe or unsound act with respect to the business of the licensee, or has engaged in an act  
17           that constitutes a breach of the person's fiduciary duty;

18                     (2) the act, violation, or breach of fiduciary duty has caused or is likely to cause  
19           substantial financial loss or other damage to the licensee, has seriously prejudiced or is likely to  
20           seriously prejudice the interest of the licensee, or the person has received financial gain by reason  
21           of the act, violation, or breach of fiduciary duty; and

22                     (3) the act, violation, or breach of fiduciary duty involves dishonesty on the part  
23           of the person, demonstrates the person's gross negligence with respect to the business of the  
24           licensee, or demonstrates the person's wilful disregard for the safety and soundness of the  
25           licensee.

26                     (b) The department may issue an order removing a subject person of the licensee from  
27           office with the licensee and prohibiting the subject person from further participating in any  
28           manner in the conduct of the business of the licensee, except with the prior consent of the  
29           department if, after notice and a hearing, the department determines that, by engaging or  
30           participating in an act with respect to a financial or other business institution that resulted in  
31           substantial financial loss or other damage, the subject person of a licensee demonstrated

1 (1) dishonesty or a wilful or continuing disregard for the safety and soundness  
2 of the financial or other business institution; and

3 (2) unfitness to continue as a subject person of the licensee or to participate in  
4 conducting the business of the licensee.

5 (c) The department may immediately issue an order suspending a subject person of a  
6 licensee from the person's office, if any, with the licensee and prohibiting the subject person  
7 from further participating in any manner in the conduct of the business of the licensee except  
8 with the consent of the department, if the department determines that

9 (1) the factors in (a) or (b) of this section are true with respect to the person; and

10 (2) an immediate order is necessary to protect the interests of the licensee or the  
11 public.

12 (d) In this section, "office" means, when used with respect to a licensee, the position of  
13 director, officer, or employee of the licensee or of a subsidiary of the licensee.

14 Sec. 10.13.760. REMOVAL AND SUSPENSION ORDERS IN CASES OF  
15 INDICTMENT OR CONVICTION. (a) If the department determines that a subject person of  
16 a licensee has been indicted by a grand jury or has been bound over for trial by a court for a  
17 crime involving dishonesty or breach of trust, and that the continuation of the person as a subject  
18 person of the licensee may threaten the interests of the licensee or may threaten to impair public  
19 confidence in the licensee, the department may issue an order suspending the person from the  
20 person's office, if any, with the licensee and prohibiting the person from further participating in  
21 any manner in the conduct of the business of the licensee until the person's charge has been  
22 disposed of.

23 (b) If the department determines that a subject person or former subject person of a  
24 licensee to whom an order was issued under (a) of this section, or another subject person of a  
25 licensee, has been convicted of a crime involving dishonesty or breach of trust, and that the  
26 continuation or resumption of the person as a subject person of the licensee may threaten the  
27 interests of the licensee, the department may issue an order suspending or removing the person  
28 from the person's office, if any, with the licensee and prohibiting the person from further  
29 participating in any manner in the conduct of the business of the licensee, except with the prior  
30 consent of the department.

31 (c) The failure to convict a subject person who is charged with a crime involving

1 dishonesty or breach of trust does not prevent the department from issuing an order to the person  
2 under another provision of this chapter.

3 (d) In this section, "office" has the meaning given in AS 10.13.750.

4 Sec. 10.13.770. HEARINGS ON ORDERS. (a) Within 30 days after an order is issued  
5 under AS 10.13.710, 10.13.740, 10.13.750(c), or 10.13.760, the licensee or subject person of a  
6 licensee to whom the order is directed may file with the department an application for a hearing  
7 on the order.

8 (b) If the department fails to begin a hearing within 15 business days after the application  
9 is filed or within a longer period to which the licensee or subject person consents, the order shall  
10 be considered rescinded.

11 (c) After the hearing, the department shall affirm, modify, or rescind the order.

12 (d) A person to whom an order is issued under this section may apply to the department  
13 to modify or rescind the order. The department may not modify or rescind the order unless the  
14 department determines that it is in the public interest to do so and that it is reasonable to believe  
15 that the person will comply with this chapter.

16 (e) The right of a licensee or subject person to whom an order is issued under  
17 AS 10.13.710, 10.13.740, 10.13.750(c), or 10.13.760 to an interlocutory review of the order is  
18 not affected by the failure of the licensee or subject person to apply to the department for a  
19 hearing on the order issued under this section.

20 Sec. 10.13.780. DISCLOSURE TO SHAREHOLDERS. If the department determines  
21 that the results of a department communication or order addressed to the licensee or to a subject  
22 person of the licensee should be disclosed to the licensee's shareholders, the department may  
23 require the licensee to make the disclosure in the form and manner determined by the department.

24 Sec. 10.13.790. MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS CALLED BY  
25 DEPARTMENT. (a) If the department considers it expedient, the department may call a  
26 meeting of the board of directors or of the shareholders of a licensee.

27 (b) The department shall send notification of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting  
28 not less than five days before the meeting to each director, if a directors' meeting, or to each  
29 shareholder, if a shareholders' meeting, either by personal service or by registered or certified  
30 mail sent to the person's last known address as shown in the records of the department.

31 (c) The licensee shall pay the notice and meeting expenses for a meeting of shareholders

1 called under (a) of this section.

2 Sec. 10.13.800. ORDERS RESTRICTING ADDITIONAL FINANCING ASSISTANCE.

3 (a) The department may issue an order directing a licensee to refrain from providing additional  
4 financing assistance to businesses if, in the opinion of the department, the order is necessary to  
5 protect the interests of the licensee or the public, and if, after notice and a hearing, the  
6 department determines that

7 (1) the licensee or a controlling person, subsidiary, or affiliate of the licensee has  
8 violated this chapter or another applicable law;

9 (2) the licensee is conducting the licensee's business in an unsafe and unsound  
10 manner;

11 (3) the licensee is in a condition that makes it unsafe or unsound for the licensee  
12 to transact business;

13 (4) the licensee has ceased to transact business as a BIDCO;

14 (5) the licensee is insolvent;

15 (6) the licensee has suspended payment of the licensee's obligations, has made  
16 an assignment for the benefit of the licensee's creditors, or has admitted in writing the licensee's  
17 inability to pay the licensee's debts as the debts become due;

18 (7) the licensee has applied for an adjudication of bankruptcy, reorganization,  
19 arrangement, or other relief under a bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, or moratorium law,  
20 an involuntary petition in bankruptcy against the person has not been dismissed in 90 days, or  
21 a person has applied for the relief under the law against a licensee and the relief has been granted  
22 or the licensee has by an affirmative act approved of or consented to the action; or

23 (8) a fact or condition exists that would have been grounds for denying the  
24 licensee a license if the fact or condition had existed when the licensee applied for the license.

25 (b) If the department determines that a factor in (a) of this section is true with respect  
26 to a licensee and that it is necessary for the protection of the interests of the licensee or the  
27 public that the department immediately prevent the licensee from providing additional financing  
28 assistance to businesses, the department may issue the order without a hearing.

29 (c) If the department consents, a licensee that has been the subject of an order under (a)  
30 or (b) of this section may resume providing financing assistance to businesses under the  
31 conditions that the department prescribes.

1 (d) A person to whom an order is issued under (a) or (b) of this section may apply to  
2 the department to modify or rescind the order. The department may not grant the application  
3 unless the department determines that it is in the interest of the public to do so and that it is  
4 reasonable to believe that the person will comply with this chapter.

5 Sec. 10.13.810. TAKING POSSESSION OF LICENSEE. (a) If the department finds  
6 that a factor in AS 10.13.800 is true with respect to a licensee and that it is necessary for the  
7 protection of the interests of the licensee or of the public, the department may take immediate  
8 possession of the property and business of the licensee and appoint a conservator for the licensee.

9 (b) The department may appoint as conservator one of the employees of the division of  
10 banking, securities, and corporations of the department or another competent and disinterested  
11 person. The division shall be reimbursed out of the assets of the conservatorship for all money  
12 expended by the division in connection with the conservatorship. Upon the approval of the  
13 department, the expenses of the conservatorship paid for by the division shall be paid out of the  
14 assets of the licensee. Payment of the division expenses shall take priority over other payments  
15 from the assets and shall be fully paid before a final distribution is made.

16 (c) Under the direction of the department, the conservator shall take possession of the  
17 books, records, and assets of the licensee and shall take other action that is necessary to conserve  
18 the assets of the licensee or to ensure payment of obligations of the licensee pending further  
19 disposition of the licensee's business.

20 (d) At an appropriate time, the department may terminate the conservatorship and permit  
21 the licensee to resume the transaction of the licensee's business subject to the terms, conditions,  
22 restrictions, and limitations the department prescribes.

23 Sec. 10.13.820. RECEIVERSHIP. (a) The department may apply to the superior court  
24 for the appointment of a receiver for a licensee, if the department determines that the licensee  
25 should be liquidated because

26 (1) the licensee is insolvent;

27 (2) the licensee has suspended payment of the licensee's obligations, has made  
28 an assignment for the benefit of the licensee's creditors, or has admitted in writing the licensee's  
29 inability to pay the licensee's debts as the debts become due;

30 (3) the licensee has applied for an adjudication of bankruptcy, reorganization,  
31 arrangement, or other relief under a bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, or moratorium law;

1 (4) a person has applied for the relief described under (3) of this subsection  
2 against a licensee and the licensee has by an affirmative act approved of or consented to the  
3 action or the relief has been granted; or

4 (5) the licensee is in a condition that makes it unsafe or unsound for the licensee  
5 to transact business.

6 (b) If a receiver is appointed under (a) of this section, the receiver shall liquidate the  
7 property and business of the licensee.

8 Sec. 10.13.830. CIVIL PENALTY. (a) If after notice and a hearing the department finds  
9 that a person has violated this chapter, the department may order the person to pay to the  
10 department a civil penalty in the amount the department specifies. The civil penalty may not  
11 exceed \$1,000 for each violation, or in the case of a continuing violation, \$1,000 for each day  
12 the violation continues.

13 (b) This section does not apply to an act committed or omitted in good faith in  
14 conformity with an order, regulation, declaratory ruling, or written interpretative opinion of the  
15 department, even if the order, regulation, declaratory ruling, or written interpretative opinion is  
16 later amended, rescinded, or repealed, or determined by judicial or other authority to be invalid.

17 (c) The provisions of (a) of this section are in addition to, and not alternative to, the  
18 other provisions of this chapter that authorize the department to issue orders or to take other  
19 action on account of a violation of this chapter.

#### 20 ARTICLE 8. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

21 Sec. 10.13.850. CONSTRUCTION OF CHAPTER. This chapter shall be liberally  
22 construed to accomplish its purposes.

23 Sec. 10.13.860. APPLICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT TO  
24 PROCEEDINGS. A proceeding under AS 10.13.830 is subject to AS 44.62 (Administrative  
25 Procedure Act). Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, other proceedings and actions  
26 under this chapter are exempt from AS 44.62.

27 Sec. 10.13.870. APPEALS. A final order of an administrative proceeding under  
28 AS 10.13.710 - 10.13.760, 10.13.800, 10.13.810, or 10.13.830 may be appealed to the superior  
29 court.

30 Sec. 10.13.880. PROVISIONS OF LICENSEE'S INCORPORATION. Except as  
31 otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of the law under which a licensee is

1 incorporated apply to the licensee. If a provision of the licensee's incorporating law conflicts  
2 with a provision of this chapter, this chapter controls.

3 Sec. 10.13.890. ASSOCIATES. (a) In AS 10.13.300 - 10.13.320 and 10.13.630 -  
4 10.13.660, a person who is an associate within six months before or after a licensee provides  
5 financing assistance shall be considered to be an associate as of the date the licensee provides  
6 the assistance.

7 (b) If a licensee, in order to protect the licensee's interests, designates a person to serve  
8 as a director of, officer of, or in a management capacity of a business to which the licensee  
9 provides financial assistance, the person may not, on that account, be considered to be an  
10 associate under AS 10.13.300 - 10.13.310 or 10.13.630 - 10.13.660. This subsection does not  
11 apply if the person has, directly or indirectly, another financial interest in the business or if the  
12 person, at any time before the licensee provides the financing assistance, served as a director of,  
13 officer of, or in another capacity in the management of the business for a period of 30 days or  
14 more.

15 Sec. 10.13.900. OTHER LICENSES. A corporation that is licensed under this chapter  
16 may apply for and be issued a license under another law of the state, federal government, or of  
17 another state in the United States unless the transaction of business by the corporation as a  
18 licensee under the other license would violate this chapter or would be contrary to the purposes  
19 of this chapter.

20 Sec. 10.13.910. EXEMPTION. A licensee is not subject to the provisions of AS 06.

21 Sec. 10.13.920. AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT. The provisions of this chapter  
22 relating to conflicts of interest do not limit the authority of the department to determine that an  
23 act involves a conflict of interest and is therefore an unsafe or unsound act.

24 Sec. 10.13.930. CONFIDENTIALITY. (a) The commissioner, deputies, and other  
25 employees of the department may not disclose information acquired by them in the discharge of  
26 their duties under this chapter except to the extent disclosure of the information is required by  
27 law, other than the public records provisions of AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.220, or is required by court  
28 order.

29 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the department may disclose information that is  
30 confidential under (a) of this section if the department determines that disclosure of the  
31 information is necessary to promote the public interest. This subsection does not authorize the

1 disclosure of information acquired by the department in the course of an examination of a  
2 licensee.

3 (c) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the department may furnish information that is  
4 confidential under (a) of this section to the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation  
5 established under AS 37.17.010 if the information is related to a BIDCO that has received  
6 assistance under AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390 or to a person who is seeking assistance under  
7 AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390.

8 (d) A BIDCO may provide to a current or prospective creditor or shareholder of the  
9 BIDCO a copy of an examination report on the BIDCO made by the department under this  
10 chapter.

11 Sec. 10.13.990. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter,

12 (1) "affiliate" means, if used with respect to a nonnatural person, a person who  
13 controls the nonnatural person, who is controlled by the nonnatural person, or who is controlled  
14 by a person who also controls the nonnatural person;

15 (2) "associate" means, if used with respect to a licensee,

16 (A) a controlling person, director, or officer of the licensee;

17 (B) a director, officer, or partner of a person referred to in (A) of this  
18 paragraph;

19 (C) a person who controls, is controlled by, or is under common control  
20 with a person referred to in (A) of this paragraph, directly or indirectly through an  
21 intermediary;

22 (D) a close relative of a person referred to in (A) of this paragraph; in this  
23 subparagraph, "close relative" means a parent, child, sibling, or spouse, or a relative of  
24 the same degree through marriage;

25 (E) a person of which a person referred to in (A) - (D) of this paragraph  
26 is a director or officer;

27 (F) a person in which a person referred to in (A) - (D) of this paragraph,  
28 or a combination of the persons acting in concert, owns or controls, directly or indirectly,  
29 a 20 percent or greater equity interest;

30 (3) "BIDCO" means a corporation that is licensed under this chapter to provide  
31 financial and management assistance to businesses;

1 (4) "business" means a person who transacts or proposes to transact business on  
2 a regular and continual basis;

3 (5) "control" means, if used with respect to a specific person, the power to direct  
4 or cause the direction of, directly or indirectly through an intermediary, the management and  
5 policies of the person, through the ownership of voting interests, by contract other than a  
6 commercial contract for goods or nonmanagement services, or by other means; a natural person  
7 is not considered to control another person solely because the natural person is a director, officer,  
8 or employee of the other person; a person is rebuttably presumed to control a corporation if the  
9 person directly or indirectly owns of record, holds beneficially with power to vote, or holds  
10 proxies with discretionary authority to vote, 20 percent or more of the then outstanding voting  
11 securities issued by a corporation;

12 (6) "controlling person" means, if used with respect to a specific person, a person  
13 who controls the specific person, directly or indirectly through an intermediary;

14 (7) "corporate name" means the name of a corporation in its articles of  
15 incorporation;

16 (8) "department" means the Department of Commerce and Economic  
17 Development;

18 (9) "insolvent" means not paying debts in the ordinary course of business, not  
19 paying debts as they become due, or liabilities exceeding assets;

20 (10) "interests of the licensee" includes the interests of the shareholders of the  
21 licensee;

22 (11) "license" means a license issued under this chapter;

23 (12) "licensee" means a corporation that is licensed under this chapter;

24 (13) "officer" means

25 (A) with respect to a corporation, a person appointed or designated as an  
26 officer of the corporation by or under applicable law or the corporation's articles of  
27 incorporation or bylaws, or a person who performs with respect to the corporation the  
28 functions usually performed by an officer of a corporation;

29 (B) with respect to a specific person other than a natural person or a  
30 corporation, a person who performs for the specific person the functions usually  
31 performed by an officer of a corporation for a corporation;

1 (14) "order" means an approval, consent, authorization, exemption, denial,  
2 prohibition, or requirement applicable to a specific case and issued by the department, including  
3 a license condition and an agreement made by a person with the department under this chapter;

4 (15) "person" includes a government and an agency of a government; when used  
5 with respect to acquiring control of or controlling a specific person, "person" includes a  
6 combination of two or more persons acting in concert;

7 (16) "principal shareholder" means a person who owns, directly or indirectly, of  
8 record or beneficially, securities representing 10 percent or more of the outstanding voting  
9 securities of a corporation;

10 (17) "subject person" means

11 (A) a controlling person, subsidiary, or affiliate of a licensee;

12 (B) a director, officer, or employee of a licensee or of a controlling  
13 person, subsidiary, or affiliate of a licensee;

14 (C) another person who participates in the conduct of the business of a  
15 licensee; or

16 (D) if used with respect to a licensee, a company or business of which the  
17 licensee holds control under AS 10.13.260 - 10.13.280.

18 Sec. 10.13.995. SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be cited as the Alaska BIDCO Act.

19 \* Sec. 2. AS 37.17 is amended by adding new sections to read:

20 ARTICLE 2. BIDCO ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

21 Sec. 37.17.200. PURPOSES OF BIDCO ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. The purposes of  
22 AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390 include

23 (1) assisting in the formation and capitalization of one or more BIDCOs that have  
24 a highly qualified management team and a good business plan, and that are designed to operate  
25 in a profit-oriented, market-disciplined manner, with excellent prospects for long-term financial  
26 success and viability;

27 (2) promoting economic development by providing a new source of risk capital  
28 and management assistance for businesses, especially small and medium sized businesses, in  
29 geographic areas throughout the state, including businesses in rural areas and distressed areas,  
30 and including minority owned businesses;

31 (3) using state resources to attract other capital resources; and

1           Sec. 37.17.250. INITIAL CAPITALIZATION OF BIDCO. (a) The initial capitalization  
2 of a BIDCO to which the foundation makes a BIDCO capitalization loan must include

3                   (1) at least \$500,000 in equity investment in the BIDCO, in addition to any  
4 organization costs paid for or owed by the BIDCO;

5                   (2) the BIDCO capitalization loan; and

6                   (3) additional capital in an amount required by the foundation and on terms and  
7 conditions acceptable to the foundation; the additional capital may be in the form of debt, grants,  
8 equity investment in addition to the minimum equity investment requirement of \$500,000 under  
9 (1) of this subsection, or a combination of debt, grants, and the equity investment.

10           (b) The minimum equity investment under (a)(1) of this section must be fully received  
11 by the BIDCO before or at closing of the BIDCO capitalization loan. The BIDCO capitalization  
12 loan shall be fully disbursed to the BIDCO at closing. The additional capital shall also be fully  
13 disbursed at closing; however, if the foundation is satisfied that there is a firm commitment for  
14 the additional capital on terms acceptable to the foundation, that the source for the additional  
15 capital will deliver on the firm commitment, and that the documents evidencing the additional  
16 capital have been executed and include terms acceptable to the foundation, the additional capital  
17 may be disbursed to the BIDCO on a phased-in basis on terms acceptable to the foundation.

18           Sec. 37.17.260. SUBORDINATION OF BIDCO CAPITALIZATION LOAN. A BIDCO  
19 capitalization loan may be subordinated to the additional capital required under  
20 AS 37.17.250(a)(3).

21           Sec. 37.17.270. BIDCO CAPITALIZATION LOAN PAYMENT AND INTEREST. (a)  
22 A BIDCO capitalization loan must be structured so that the full amount of the principal is due  
23 in a lump sum at the end of the loan term.

24           (b) Interest on a BIDCO capitalization loan accrues during the loan term and is due at  
25 the end of the loan term.

26           Sec. 37.17.280. BIDCO CAPITALIZATION LOAN CREDITS. (a) A BIDCO  
27 capitalization loan must include a formula that allows the BIDCO to earn credits to reduce the  
28 interest and principal owed on the loan. The formula shall be based on increasing jobs and sales  
29 in some or all of the businesses financed by the BIDCO and on sustaining the increases. To the  
30 extent the foundation determines appropriate, the foundation may also provide credits in situations  
31 where the BIDCO clearly demonstrates to the foundation that jobs would have been lost if the

1 (4) promoting the successful operation of BIDCOs.

2 Sec. 37.17.210. BIDCO FUND. The BIDCO fund is established in the Alaska Science  
3 and Technology Foundation. The fund consists of appropriations made to the fund by the  
4 legislature, money or other assets transferred to the fund by the foundation, <sup>DELETE</sup> and repayments of  
5 loans made under AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390.

6 Sec. 37.17.220. USE OF MONEY IN BIDCO FUND. ~~From~~ the money in the BIDCO  
7 fund, the foundation may make loans or other financial assistance, as authorized under  
8 AS 37.17.220 - 37.17.390, to assist in the formation, capitalization, and operation of corporations  
9 that are licensed under AS 10.13.

10 Sec. 37.17.230. BIDCO CAPITALIZATION LOANS. A BIDCO capitalization loan for  
11 the initial capitalization of a BIDCO shall be made under the terms and conditions that the  
12 foundation determines to be appropriate and that are consistent with AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390.

13 Sec. 37.17.240. LOAN COMMITMENT CONDITIONS. (a) When issuing a  
14 commitment to make a BIDCO capitalization loan, the foundation shall make the loan closing  
15 contingent on

16 (1) the BIDCO receiving a license under AS 10.13, which may occur  
17 simultaneously with the loan closing;

18 (2) the BIDCO satisfying the capitalization requirements of AS 37.17.250; and

19 (3) other conditions that the foundation may impose.

20 (b) The foundation may not issue a loan commitment under this section unless the  
21 foundation determines that the prospective BIDCO satisfies high quality evaluation standards as  
22 determined by the foundation. The evaluation standards must include the following findings:

23 (1) the loan is likely to substantially promote the purposes of AS 37.17.200 -  
24 37.17.390;

25 (2) the BIDCO's prospective management team is highly qualified to manage the  
26 BIDCO;

27 (3) the BIDCO's business plan is a good business plan that, together with the  
28 management team, promotes confidence in the prospects for the long-term financial success and  
29 viability of the BIDCO; and

30 (4) if the foundation issues a loan commitment to the BIDCO, it is probable that  
31 the BIDCO will be able to satisfy the capitalization requirements of AS 37.17.250.

1 BIDCO had not provided financing assistance.

2 (b) The foundation shall establish procedures and guidelines for the certification by the  
3 foundation of credits earned by a BIDCO under this section, including the circumstances under  
4 which the foundation may deny the credits. Within the guidelines, the specific decisions  
5 regarding the granting or denial of the credits are left to the discretion of the foundation.

6 Sec. 37.17.290. IMPLEMENTATION OF BIDCO CAPITALIZATION LOAN  
7 PROGRAM. (a) The foundation shall implement the program for making BIDCO capitalization  
8 loans under AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390 in a manner designed to encourage financing assistance  
9 by BIDCOs to businesses throughout the state. Through the use of one or more formulas  
10 designed under AS 37.17.280, the foundation shall provide special incentives to encourage the  
11 financing of businesses located in distressed areas, including distressed rural areas, and the  
12 financing of minority owned businesses. In this subsection, "minority owned business" means  
13 a business that is owned, controlled, and operated by an individual who is a member of a  
14 minority and in which more than 50 percent of the net profit or loss attributable to the business  
15 accrues to a member of a minority; in this paragraph, "member of a minority" includes a person  
16 who is black, Hispanic, or Alaska Native.

17 (b) When determining under (a) of this section whether an area is distressed or how  
18 distressed an area is, the foundation may use, individually or in combination, factors that may  
19 include unemployment, poverty, lack of access to the state highway system, lack of access to a  
20 marine transportation system, or other factors the foundation determines to be appropriate.

21 Sec. 37.17.300. TERMS OF BIDCO CAPITALIZATION LOANS. When determining  
22 the amount or range of amount for a BIDCO capitalization loan, the term to maturity of the loan,  
23 the interest rate for the loan, the additional capital requirements for the loan, and the formula for  
24 earning credits under the loan, the foundation shall consider the following objectives:

25 (1) that the BIDCO will have adequate capitalization to support a highly qualified  
26 management team, to implement a business plan that, when combined with the management team,  
27 will promote confidence in the prospects of the BIDCO for long-term financial success and  
28 viability, and to otherwise promote the purposes of AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390;

29 (2) that the additional capital requirement is in an amount that encourages the  
30 BIDCO to raise as much capital as feasible from sources other than the BIDCO capitalization  
31 loan, without unduly hindering the ability of the BIDCO to become operational;

1 (3) that the formula for earning credits under AS 37.17.280, combined with the  
2 other terms and conditions of the loan, will be designed so that with a reasonable performance  
3 by the BIDCO, the BIDCO will be able to earn sufficient credits to reduce the amount of  
4 principal and interest owed on the loan to zero by or before the end of the loan term; and

5 (4) that the formula for earning credits under AS 37.17.280, combined with the  
6 other terms and conditions of the loan, is sufficiently challenging that the special incentives  
7 provided by the credits allowed under AS 37.17.280 remain in effect for the longest feasible time  
8 during the loan term as is consistent with meeting the other objectives identified in this section.

9 Sec. 37.17.310. ACCESS TO MEETINGS AND INFORMATION. While a BIDCO loan  
10 is outstanding and the obligations of the BIDCO to the foundation remain undischarged, the  
11 BIDCO shall allow the foundation to have a representative present at all meetings of the  
12 BIDCO's board of directors and of the BIDCO's shareholders, to receive all notices and  
13 information sent to the board of directors or the shareholders, to have the same access to  
14 information about the BIDCO as the directors have and as the shareholders have, and to receive  
15 additional reports or information from the BIDCO that the foundation reasonably requests.

16 Sec. 37.17.320. BIDCO OPERATION LIMITATION. While a BIDCO loan is  
17 outstanding and the obligations of the BIDCO to the foundation remain undischarged, the BIDCO  
18 may not provide financing assistance to businesses located outside the state. If a business  
19 assisted by the BIDCO has multi-state or multi-national operations, the location of the business  
20 is where the largest economic benefit of the financing assistance transaction made by the BIDCO  
21 to the business is likely to occur.

22 Sec. 37.17.330. SURRENDER OF BIDCO LICENSE. While a BIDCO loan is  
23 outstanding and the obligations of the BIDCO to the foundation are not discharged, the BIDCO  
24 may not surrender its license under AS 10.13 without the written consent of the foundation.

25 Sec. 37.17.340. CLOSING ASSISTANCE. If determined by the foundation to be  
26 advisable, the foundation may use money in the BIDCO fund to provide assistance to a person  
27 to complete the tasks necessary for the person to achieve a closing on a BIDCO capitalization  
28 loan. The foundation may provide the assistance on the terms and conditions that the foundation  
29 determines appropriate.

30 Sec. 37.17.350. CONFIDENTIALITY. In order to promote the purposes of  
31 AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390, the foundation may establish policies under which it will keep

1 confidential <sup>proprietary</sup> [certain types] of information submitted to the foundation by an applicant for a loan  
 2 or other financial assistance under AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390 and by a BIDCO that has received  
 3 a loan or other financial assistance under AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390. The information that is  
 4 determined to be confidential under this section is not a public record under AS 09.25.110 -  
 5 09.25.220.

6 Sec. 37.17.360. SUBSEQUENT LOANS. If the foundation determines that a BIDCO,  
 7 after receiving a BIDCO capitalization loan, has performed well financially and in promoting the  
 8 purposes of AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390, and if more than four years have elapsed since the loan  
 9 was made, the foundation may make an additional loan to the BIDCO, on the terms and  
 10 conditions that the foundation considers appropriate.

11 Sec. 37.17.390. DEFINITIONS. In AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390,

12 (1) "additional capital" means the additional capital required under  
 13 AS 37.17.250(a)(3);

14 (2) "BIDCO" means a corporation licensed under AS 10.13;

15 (3) "BIDCO capitalization loan" means a loan made under AS 37.17.230 for the  
 16 initial capitalization of a BIDCO;

17 (4) "BIDCO loan" means a BIDCO capitalization loan or a subsequent loan made  
 18 under AS 37.17.360;

19 (5) "foundation" means the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation  
 20 established under AS 37.17.010.

21 \* Sec. 3. AS 06.05.270(a) is amended to read:

22 (a) In addition to loans and acquisitions expressly authorized by this chapter, a state bank  
 23 may deal in, underwrite, and invest in for its own account

24 (1) direct or guaranteed obligations of the United States, either directly or in the  
 25 form of securities of, or other interests in, an open-end management type investment company  
 26 or investment trust registered under 15 U.S.C. 80a-1 - 80a-64 (Investment Company Act of  
 27 1940), if

28 (A) the portfolio of the investment company or investment trust is limited  
 29 to obligations of the United States government and repurchase agreements fully  
 30 collateralized by the obligations; and

31 (B) the investment company or investment trust takes delivery of the

- 1 collateral directly or through an authorized custodian;
- 2 (2) general obligations of the State of Alaska and its political subdivisions;
- 3 (3) general obligations of a state of the United States or its political subdivisions;
- 4 (4) revenue obligations of the State of Alaska or its political subdivisions subject
- 5 to the limitation of (b) of this section;
- 6 (5) revenue obligations of a state of the United States or its political subdivisions
- 7 subject to the limitation of (b) of this section;
- 8 (6) obligations of instrumentalities of the United States government including, but
- 9 not limited to Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Federal Land Banks, the Federal National
- 10 Mortgage Association, and Banks for Cooperatives;
- 11 (7) commercial paper of prime or equivalent quality as rated by a recognized
- 12 national rating service subject to the limitation of (b) of this section;
- 13 (8) secured corporate obligations rated within the three highest grades of a
- 14 national rating service subject to the limitation of (b) of this section;
- 15 (9) obligations of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the
- 16 Inter-American Development Bank, or the African Development Bank, subject to the limitation
- 17 of (b) of this section;
- 18 (10) stock in the Federal National Mortgage Association, a Federal Reserve Bank,
- 19 or a Federal Home Loan Bank;
- 20 (11) the stocks, bonds, and other securities of
- 21 (A) a corporation licensed under AS 10.13; or
- 22 (B) a corporation attempting to become licensed under AS 10.13 if the
- 23 corporation intends to use the proceeds to fulfill the tasks necessary to become
- 24 licensed under AS 10.13.

25 \* Sec. 4. AS 06.05.270(b) is amended to read:

26 (b) A state bank may not underwrite or invest for its own account an amount exceeding

27 15 percent of its combined capital, surplus and undivided profits in any one issue of securities

28 authorized in (a)(4) and (5) of this section or with any one obligor of the securities authorized

29 in (a)(7), (8), [AND] (9), and (11) of this section.

30 \* Sec. 5. AS 06.15.240 is amended to read:

31 Sec. 06.15.240. INVESTMENTS AUTHORIZED. Subject to the provisions of this

1 chapter and regulations under this chapter, a mutual bank may invest in

2 (1) obligations of the United States and those for which the faith of the United  
3 States is pledged to provide for the payment of the interest and principal, obligations for which  
4 annual contributions to be paid under [PURSUANT TO] contract by the United States  
5 government or any of its instrumentalities in accordance with an Act of Congress entitled the  
6 "Housing Act of 1949," are pledged as security for the payment of the interest and principal, and  
7 obligations of any agency of the United States;

8 (2) obligations of any state of the United States and those for which the faith of  
9 any state of the United States is pledged to provide for the payment of the interest and principal;

10 (3) obligations of a city, village, town, county, department, agency, district,  
11 authority, commission or other public body of any state of the United States, subject to the  
12 exercise of the same degree of care and prudence that persons prompted by self-interest generally  
13 exercise in their own affairs;

14 (4) any property improvement note issued under the provisions of Title I of the  
15 National Housing Act and any other real property improvement note in a principal amount not  
16 in excess of \$15,000, not including interest;

17 (5) obligations of the Dominion of Canada or provinces of the Dominion of  
18 Canada payable in United States funds;

19 (6) the stocks, bonds, and other securities of

20 (A) a corporation licensed under AS 10.13; or

21 (B) a corporation attempting to become licensed under AS 10.13 if the  
22 corporation intends to use the proceeds to fulfill the tasks necessary to become  
23 licensed under AS 10.13.

24 \* Sec. 6. AS 06.25.170 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 06.25.170. PURCHASE AND SALE OF SECURITIES. A trust company may  
26 purchase, invest in and sell stocks, bills of exchange, bonds and mortgages and other securities.  
27 When money or security for money is borrowed or received on deposit, or for investment, the  
28 bonds or obligations of the trust company may be given, but it may not issue bills to circulate  
29 as money. In this section. "stocks, bills of exchange, bonds, mortgages, and other securities"  
30 include the stocks, bills of exchange, bonds, mortgages, and other securities of

31 (1) a corporation licensed under AS 10.13; or

1                   (2) a corporation attempting to become licensed under AS 10.13 if the  
2                   corporation intends to use the proceeds to fulfill the tasks necessary to become licensed  
3                   under AS 10.13.

4 \* Sec. 7. AS 06.30.610 is amended to read:

5                   Sec. 06.30.610. INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES. An association may invest in the  
6 following securities:

7                   (1) obligations of, or guaranteed as to principal and interest by, the United States  
8 or this state without limitation;

9                   (2) stock of a Federal Home Loan Bank of which it is eligible to be a member  
10 and in obligations or consolidated obligations of any Federal Home Loan Bank;

11                   (3) stock or obligations of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation;

12                   (4) stock or obligations of a national mortgage association or its successor;

13                   (5) demand, time, or savings deposits with a bank or trust company whose  
14 deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;

15                   (6) stock or obligations of any corporation or agency of the United States or this  
16 state, or in deposits of the corporation or agency [THEREWITH] to the extent that the  
17 corporation or agency assists in furthering or facilitating the association's purposes or powers;

18                   (7) savings accounts of an association operating under this chapter and of a  
19 federal savings and loan association;

20                   (8) evidence of indebtedness that is a general obligation of a city, town, village,  
21 school district, or other municipal or political subdivision of this state;

22                   (9) other stocks, securities, or obligations that the commissioner approves and  
23 places on a published list; an association investing in securities listed by the commissioner is not  
24 required to dispose of the securities if at a later time the commissioner removes the securities  
25 from the list;

26                   (10) the stocks, bonds, and other securities of

27                                   (A) a corporation licensed under AS 10.13; or

28                                   (B) a corporation attempting to become licensed under AS 10.13 if the  
29                   corporation intends to use the proceeds to fulfill the tasks necessary to become  
30                   licensed under AS 10.13.

31 \* Sec. 8. AS 06.45.060(7) is amended to read:

- 1 (7) invest its funds
- 2 (A) in loans exclusively to members;
- 3 (B) in obligations of the United States or securities fully guaranteed as to
- 4 principal and interest by the United States;
- 5 (C) in loans to other credit unions in the total amount not exceeding 25
- 6 percent of its paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus in accordance with regulations
- 7 adopted by the commissioner;
- 8 (D) in shares or accounts of savings and loan associations or mutual
- 9 savings banks that are insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation
- 10 or the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;
- 11 (E) in obligations issued by banks for cooperatives, federal land banks,
- 12 federal intermediate credit banks, federal home loan banks, the Federal Home Loan Bank
- 13 Board, or a corporation designated in 31 U.S.C. 9101 as a wholly owned federal
- 14 government corporation; in obligations, participations, or other instruments of or issued
- 15 by or fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Federal National Mortgage
- 16 Association or the Government National Mortgage Association; in mortgages, obligations,
- 17 or other securities that [WHICH] are or have been sold by the Federal Home Loan
- 18 Mortgage Corporation under 12 U.S.C. 1454 or 12 U.S.C. 1455 (Federal Home Loan
- 19 Mortgage Corporation Act) [SECS. 305 OR 306 OF THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN
- 20 MORTGAGE CORPORATION ACT]; or in obligations or other instruments or securities
- 21 of the Student Loan Marketing Association;
- 22 (F) in participation certificates evidencing beneficial interests in
- 23 obligations, or in the right to receive interest and principal collections from obligations,
- 24 that [WHICH] have been subjected by one or more federal agencies to a trust or trusts
- 25 for which an executive department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States or its
- 26 head has been named to act as trustee;
- 27 (G) in shares or deposits of a central credit union in which such
- 28 investments are authorized by the board of directors of the credit union making the
- 29 investment;
- 30 (H) in shares, share certificates, or share deposits of federally insured
- 31 credit unions;

1 (I) in the shares, stocks, or obligations of another organization providing  
 2 services that are associated with the routine operations of credit unions, up to one percent  
 3 of the total paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus of the credit union with the  
 4 approval of the commissioner; [AND]

5 (J) in the capital stock of the National Credit Union Central Liquidity  
 6 Facility; and

7 (K) in the stocks, bonds, and other securities of

8 (i) a corporation licensed under AS 10.13; or

9 (ii) a corporation attempting to become licensed under  
 10 AS 10.13 if the corporation intends to use the proceeds to fulfill the tasks  
 11 necessary to become licensed under AS 10.13;

12 \* Sec. 9. AS 37.10.085(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) Except as provided in (c) or (d) of this section, neither the state nor a political  
 14 subdivision of the state may

15 (1) make a subscription to the capital stock of a corporation;

16 (2) lend its credit for the use of a corporation; or

17 (3) borrow money for the use of a corporation.

18 \* Sec. 10. AS 37.10.085 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

19 (d) This section does not apply to

20 (1) the financial assistance program established under AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390;

21 or

22 (2) investments of the assets of the public employees' retirement system  
 23 established under AS 39.35 or the teachers' retirement system established under AS 14.25, to the  
 24 extent the investments are made in the stocks, bonds, and other securities of

25 (A) a corporation licensed under AS 10.13; or

26 (B) a corporation attempting to become licensed under AS 10.13 if the  
 27 corporation intends to use the proceeds to fulfill the tasks necessary to become licensed  
 28 under AS 10.13.

29 \* Sec. 11. AS 37.17.010(b) is amended to read:

30 (b) The purposes [PURPOSE] of the foundation are [IS] to

31 (1) promote and enhance through basic and applied research: economic

- 1 development and technological innovation in Alaska; public health; telecommunications; and
- 2 sustained growth and development of Alaskan scientific and engineering capabilities;
- 3 (2) implement the BIDCO assistance program under AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390.

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### MEMORANDUM

April 29, 1992

**SUBJECT:** Sectional Summary (CSHB 536 ( ), 7-LS1804\V, dated 4/27/92)

**TO:** Representative Bettye Davis  
Attn: Caren

**FROM:** Terry Bannister *TB*  
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above described bill draft. As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1 adds a new chapter relating to certain business development corporations ("BIDCOs").

Sec. 10.13.010 states the purposes of the bill.

Sec. 10.13.020 directs the department to issue a BIDCO license to corporations that submit an application and have the qualifications listed in the section.

Sec. 10.13.030 establishes the application procedure for obtaining a BIDCO license.

Sec. 10.13.040 requires a BIDCO license applicant to demonstrate that it has a certain net worth in order to receive a license.

Sec. 10.13.050 lists the criteria that the directors, officers, and controlling persons of the BIDCO applicant must satisfy. Authorizes the department to determine that a director, officer, or controlling person does not meet the criterion of good character and provides some bases for the determination.

Sec. 10.13.060 authorizes the department to determine that it is not reasonable to believe that a BIDCO applicant would comply with this chapter if licensed. Provides some bases for the determination.

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Sec. 10.13.070 requires the department, if it denies a license, to provide the applicant with a written statement explaining the basis for the denial.

Sec. 10.13.080 requires a licensee to post the BIDCO license in a conspicuous place in the licensee's principal office.

Sec. 10.13.090 prohibits a BIDCO licensee from transferring or assigning its license.

Sec. 10.13.100(a) allows a BIDCO licensee to apply to the department to accept the surrender of the license if the licensee meets certain conditions. Requires the department to approve the surrender application if the requirements of this section are satisfied, unless the department determines that the purpose of the surrender application is to evade action by the department under secs. 10.13.700 - 10.13.830.

Sec. 10.13.100(b) establishes certain shareholder and creditor notice requirements that the BIDCO licensee must meet before applying for a license surrender, and describes certain shareholder and creditor rights.

Sec. 10.13.100(c) prohibits a BIDCO licensee from proceeding with a surrender application if a certain percentage of its shareholders file an objection to the surrender with the licensee, unless the surrender application receives a specified shareholder voter approval.

Sec. 10.13.120(a) requires the corporate name of a licensee to include the word "BIDCO" or "Bidco" and prohibits a licensee from transacting business under a name other than its corporate name.

Sec. 10.13.120(b) allows a corporation that proposes to apply, or that applies, for a BIDCO license, to perform under a BIDCO name the acts necessary to apply for and obtain the license and to prepare to begin business as a licensee. Prohibits the licensee from representing that it is licensed until after the license has been obtained.

Sec. 10.13.130 sets the number of directors for a BIDCO and requires the board to hold at least one meeting each calendar quarter.

Sec. 10.13.140 requires a licensee to notify the department within 30 days of certain events and to provide additional information required by the department. These events are the death, resignation or removal of a director or officer, the election of a director, and the appointment of an officer.

Sec. 10.13.150(a) prohibits a licensee from paying or obligating itself to pay a cash dividend or a dividend in kind unless the payment is consistent with the licensee's dividend policy as approved by the department.

Sec. 10.13.150(b) requires the department, when considering a dividend policy, to consider the special characteristics of a BIDCO and the diverse range of dividend policies that are potentially appropriate for a BIDCO.

Sec. 10.13.150(c) allows the department to withdraw at any time its approval of a dividend policy if the department determines that the withdrawal is necessary to prevent unsafe or unsound acts.

Sec. 10.13.160 prohibits a licensee from buying back or obligating itself to buy back a share of stock from a shareholder without the prior approval of the department.

Sec. 10.13.170 requires a licensee to maintain at least one office in the state. Prohibits a licensee from maintaining an office outside the state. Requires that each office location be reasonably accessible to the public. Requires a licensee to post in a conspicuous place at each office a sign that gives the corporate name of the licensee. Requires a licensee establishing, relocating, or closing an office to give the department written notice.

Sec. 10.13.180 prohibits a licensee from engaging in a business other than providing financing assistance and management assistance to businesses.

Sec. 10.13.190 identifies the general powers of a BIDCO.

Sec. 10.13.200 allows a licensee to determine the form, terms, and conditions for the financing assistance that it will provide.

Sec. 10.13.210 lists some of the types of financing assistance that a licensee may provide.

Sec. 10.13.220 allows a licensee to participate in government programs for which the licensee is eligible and that has as the program's function the provision or facilitation of financing assistance or management assistance to businesses. Requires a licensee that participates in the program to comply with the program's requirements.

Sec. 10.13.230 allows a licensee to provide management advice, management services, technical advice, and technical services when providing management assistance.

Sec. 10.13.240 limits the financing assistance and management assistance provided by a licensee to the business purposes of the business.

Sec. 10.13.250 prohibits a licensee from holding control of another business, except as provided under AS 10.13.260 - 10.13.280.

Sec. 10.13.260(a) allows a licensee to acquire and hold control of a business to which it has provided financing assistance, to the extent necessary to protect the licensee's interest as a creditor of, or investor in, the business.

Sec. 10.13.260(b) requires a licensee holding control of a business under this section to divest itself of the control within a certain period, unless the department approves a longer period.

Sec. 10.13.260(c) requires a licensee that acquires and holds control of a business under this section to notify the department within 30 days. Indicates what the notification must include.

Sec. 10.13.270 allows a licensee with the approval of the department to acquire and hold control of another business that is engaged only in the business of providing financing assistance and management assistance to businesses.

Sec. 10.13.280(a) allows a licensee with the approval of the department to acquire and hold control of a business not otherwise allowed under AS 10.13.250 - 10.13.270.

Sec. 10.13.280(b) prohibits the department from approving an application under (a) unless the department makes certain determinations.

Sec. 10.13.280(c) limits an approval under this section to three years, unless the department determines that a longer period is necessary and consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 10.13.285 defines "hold control."

Sec. 10.13.290(a) requires a licensee to transact its business in a safe and sound manner and maintain itself in a safe and sound condition.

Sec. 10.13.290(b) prohibits the department from considering, when determining whether a licensee is transacting business in a safe and sound manner, the risk of providing financing assistance to a business, unless the department determines that the risk is great enough to demonstrate gross mismanagement when compared with the return that can be realistically expected.

Sec. 10.13.290(c) authorizes the department to determine that a licensee's financing assistance violates (a) or is an unsafe or unsound act if the amount of the financing assistance is unduly large in relation to the total assets or the total shareholder equity of the licensee. Authorizes the department to require a licensee to maintain a reserve in the amount of anticipated losses. Authorizes the department to require the licensee to have in effect a written financing assistance policy approved by the licensee's board.

Sec. 10.13.300 requires, in certain circumstances, a person to disclose in the financing documents of a transaction or in another appropriate document under certain conditions the existence of a potential conflict of interest that occurs in a transaction.

Sec. 10.13.310 establishes certain criteria for the terms and conditions for providing financing assistance or engaging in a transaction where a potential conflict of interest exists.

Sec. 10.13.320 identifies certain licensee transactions that involve a potential conflict of interest.

Sec. 10.13.400 prohibits a person from acquiring control of a licensee without the prior approval of the department.

Sec. 10.13.410(a) requires the department to approve an application to acquire control of a licensee under AS 10.13.400 if the department makes certain determinations.

Sec. 10.13.410(b) requires the department to deny an application to acquire control if, after notice and a hearing, the department determines that the criteria for approval in (a) have not been satisfied.

Sec. 10.13.420(a) authorizes the department to make certain determinations when reviewing an application under AS 10.13.410.

Sec. 10.13.420(b) clarifies that the conditions under (a) are not the only circumstances when the department may determine that an applicant or a director or officer of an applicant is not of good character or that an applicant's plan to make a major change in the management of a licensee is detrimental to the safety and soundness of the licensee.

Sec. 10.13.430 prohibits a merger of the licensee with another corporation unless approved by the department and, if the licensee is not the surviving corporation, the surviving corporation is a licensee.

Sec. 10.13.440 prohibits a licensee from purchasing the business of another person without department approval.

Sec. 10.13.450 prohibits a licensee from selling all or substantially all of the licensee's business or the business of an office of the licensee unless the purchaser is a licensee and the department approves.

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Sec. 10.13.460 prohibits the department from approving a merger, purchase, or sale under AS 10.13.430 - 10.13.450 unless the department makes certain determinations.

Sec. 10.13.470 directs the department to administer this chapter. Authorizes the department to issue orders and adopt regulations (under AS 44.62) necessary for the chapter.

Sec. 10.13.480 authorizes the department to impose conditions that it determines are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter when issuing an order or license under this chapter.

Sec. 10.13.490 authorizes the department to provide an interested person with a declaratory ruling on a provision of this chapter.

Sec. 10.13.500 makes an official act of the department under this chapter subject to judicial review.

Sec. 10.13.510 authorizes the department to make necessary public or private investigations in or out of the state regarding license approvals, violations, enforcement, orders, and regulations under this chapter.

Sec. 10.13.520 gives the department certain listed investigative powers.

Sec. 10.13.530 states that if a person fails to comply with a subpoena issued by the department under this chapter or to testify with respect to a matter covered by this chapter, the superior court may order the attendance of the person and the giving of testimony or production of evidence.

Sec. 10.13.540 authorizes the department to make service of process by registered or certified mail under certain circumstances.

Sec. 10.13.550 establishes fees or criteria for the fees to be charged by the department for filing certain applications, for annual fees, and for the examinations of the licensee or a subsidiary of the licensee.

Sec. 10.13.560 requires an application fee to be paid when the application is filed and states that the fee is not refundable.

Sec. 10.13.570(a) requires a licensee to keep records in the form and manner, at the place, and for the period of time that the department establishes.

Sec. 10.13.570(b) requires a licensee, affiliate of a licensee, and a subsidiary of a licensee to file certain reports.

Sec. 10.13.570(c) allows the department to require by order that a licensee include an asset on the licensee's books and records at a valuation that represents the current value of the asset.

Sec. 10.13.570(d) requires a licensee to file with the department an annual audit report containing certain items and information.

Sec. 10.13.580(a) applies this chapter (with respect to the records) to any other person who makes or keeps all or part of the licensee's records.

Sec. 10.13.580(b) applies this chapter (with respect to the records) to a person other than an affiliate or subsidiary of a licensee who makes or keeps all or part of the records of an affiliate.

Sec. 10.13.580(c) authorizes the department, if considered expedient, to require a licensee to obtain the approval of the department before permitting another person to make or keep all or part of the records of the licensee.

Sec. 10.13.590 requires the department to publish and provide to the legislature each year information on the effect of this chapter on promoting economic development in the state. Indicates what information must be included.

Sec. 10.13.600(a) authorizes the department at any time to examine a licensee or a subsidiary of a licensee.

Sec. 10.13.600(b) requires the department to examine a licensee at least once during each calendar year.

Sec. 10.13.600(c) requires certain persons at the department's request to provide the department with the books, accounts, and records of a licensee or a licensee's subsidiary and to otherwise facilitate the department's examination of the licensee.

Sec. 10.13.600(d) authorizes the department to retain persons to assist the department's examination of a licensee or the subsidiary of a licensee if the department determines that the assistance is necessary. Sets a payment deadline for licensee to pay the person's fees.

Sec. 10.13.610(a) prohibits, except as otherwise provided in AS 10.13.120, a person who is not a BIDCO licensee under this chapter from representing itself as a BIDCO or a licensee.

Sec. 10.13.610(b) prohibits a BIDCO licensee from misrepresenting the meaning or effect of its license.

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Sec. 10.13.620 prohibits a person having custody of all or part of the records of a licensee from knowingly refusing to allow the department, upon request, to inspect or make copies of the records.

Sec. 10.13.630 prohibits a licensee from directly or indirectly providing financing assistance to an associate of the licensee.

Sec. 10.13.640 prohibits a licensee from directly or indirectly providing financing assistance to discharge, or to free money for use in discharging, part or all of an obligation to an associate of the licensee. Limits the application of the section.

Sec. 10.13.650(a) prohibits in a specified situation a licensee from directly or indirectly providing financing assistance to a business within one year before or after an associate of the licensee provides financing assistance to the business.

Sec. 10.13.650(b) establishes in a specified situation that the licensee has the burden of proving that the terms of the financing assistance provided by the licensee were at least as favorable to the licensee as the terms on which the associate provided the assistance.

Sec. 10.13.650(c) describes the situations where this section does not apply.

Sec. 10.13.660(a) prohibits in certain situations an associate of a licensee from receiving compensation from a person to whom the licensee provides financing assistance.

Sec. 10.13.660(b) indicates that the section does not apply to the receipt of certain fees by an associate of a licensee for certain services if certain conditions are met.

Sec. 10.13.660(c) defines "closing services".

Sec. 10.13.670(a) allows the department to exempt certain persons or transactions from AS 10.13.630 - 10.13.660 for purposes of a particular transaction, if certain conditions are met.

Sec. 10.13.670(b) authorizes the department to make the exemption under (a) unconditional or on specified terms and conditions and for specified periods.

Sec. 10.13.700 authorizes the department to bring an action to enjoin a violation or to enforce compliance with this chapter. Addresses the court action to be taken if a proper showing is made.

Sec. 10.13.710 authorizes the department to issue cease and desist orders to a person if the person has violated or is about to violate AS 10.13.120(b) or 10.13.610(a).

Sec. 10.13.720 authorizes the department after notice and a hearing to issue a cease and desist order if a licensee or subject person of a licensee has violated, is violating, or is about to violate this chapter. Order may require the licensee or person to take affirmative action to correct the situation created.

Sec. 10.13.730 authorizes the department after notice and a hearing, to issue cease and desist orders against a licensee or subject person of a licensee if the licensee or person has or is about to engage in unsafe or unsound acts regarding the business of the licensee. Department may require the licensee or person to take affirmative action to correct the situation created.

Sec. 10.13.740 authorizes the department under certain conditions to order a licensee or subject person to cease and desist from certain actions or violations. Department may order the licensee or person to take affirmative action to correct the situation created.

Sec. 10.13.750(a) authorizes the department to issue an order removing a subject person of a licensee from office and prohibiting the person from further participation in the licensee's business if the department makes certain determinations after notice and a hearing.

Sec. 10.13.750(b) authorizes the department to issue an order removing a subject person of the licensee from an office with the licensee and prohibiting the subject person from participation in the licensee's business without the prior consent of the department if, after notice and a hearing, the department makes certain determinations.

Sec. 10.13.750(c) authorizes the department to immediately issue an order suspending a subject person of a licensee from the person's office, if any, with the licensee and prohibiting the person from further participation in the licensee's business without the consent of the department if the department makes certain determinations.

Sec. 10.13.750(d) defines "office" for the section.

Sec. 10.13.760(a) authorizes the department to issue an order suspending a subject person of a licensee from the person's office, if any, with the licensee and prohibiting further participation in the licensee's business until the charge has been disposed of, if the department makes certain determinations.

Sec. 10.13.760(b) authorizes the department to issue an order suspending or removing certain subject persons, or former subject persons of a licensee, from the person's office, if any, with the licensee and prohibiting further participation in the licensee's business without the department's prior consent, if the department makes certain determinations.

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Sec. 10.13.760(c) indicates that the failure to convict a subject person who is charged with a crime involving dishonesty or breach of trust does not prevent the department from issuing an order to the person under another provision of this chapter.

Sec. 10.13.760(d) defines "office" for the section.

Sec. 10.13.770(a) allows a licensee or subject person to whom an order is issued under certain sections of this chapter to request a hearing within 30 days after the issuance of the order.

Sec. 10.13.770(b) rescinds a department order if the department fails to begin a hearing within a specified time.

Sec. 10.13.770(c) directs the department to affirm, modify, or rescind its order after the hearing.

Sec. 10.13.770(d) allows the person to whom an order is issued under this section to apply to the department to modify or rescind the order. Prohibits the department from modifying or rescinding the order unless the department makes certain determinations.

Sec. 10.13.770(e) states that the right to an interlocutory review of certain orders is not affected by the failure of the licensee or subject person to apply for a hearing on the order issued under this section.

Sec. 10.13.780 allows the department to require the licensee to disclose the results of certain department communications or orders to its shareholders.

Sec. 10.13.790(a) authorizes the department to call a meeting of the board or shareholders of a licensee if the department determines it to be expedient.

Sec. 10.13.790(b) directs the department to send notification of the meeting under (a) to the licensee's directors or shareholders, whichever is applicable.

Sec. 10.13.790(c) requires the licensee to pay the notice and meeting expenses for a meeting of shareholders called under (a).

Sec. 10.13.800(a) authorizes the department to issue an order directing a licensee to refrain from providing additional financing assistance to businesses under certain conditions and after notice and a hearing.

Sec. 10.13.800(b) authorizes the department to issue an order under (a) without a hearing under certain conditions.

Sec. 10.13.800(c) authorizes a licensee that has been the subject of an order under this section to resume providing financing assistance if the department consents and under the conditions that the department prescribes.

Sec. 10.13.800(d) allows a person to whom an order is issued under (a) - (b) of this section to apply to the department to modify or rescind the order. Prohibits the department from granting the application unless the department makes certain determinations.

Sec. 10.13.810(a) authorizes the department to take immediate possession of the property and business of a licensee and to appoint a conservator for the licensee if the department makes certain findings.

Sec. 10.13.810(b) authorizes the department to appoint as a licensee's conservator one of the employees of the division of banking, securities, and corporations of the department or another competent and disinterested person. Requires that the division be reimbursed out of the conservatorship assets for the division's conservatorship expenses. Requires, upon the approval of the department, that the conservatorship expenses paid for by the division be paid out of the assets of the licensee. Directs that the payment of the division expenses will take priority over other payments from the licensee's assets and must be fully paid before a final distribution is made.

Sec. 10.13.810(c) directs the conservator to take possession of the books, records and assets of the licensee. Directs the conservator to take other action that is necessary to conserve the licensee's assets or to ensure payment of the licensee's obligations pending further disposition of the licensee's business.

Sec. 10.13.810(d) authorizes the department to terminate the conservatorship and to permit resumption of the licensee's business at an appropriate time and subject to conditions prescribed by the department.

Sec. 10.13.820(a) authorizes the department to apply to the superior court to appoint a receiver for a licensee if the department determines the licensee should be liquidated for certain listed reasons.

Sec. 10.13.820(b) directs the receiver to liquidate the property and business of the licensee.

Sec. 10.13.830(a) authorizes the department to impose a civil penalty, after notice and a hearing, for violations of this chapter.

Sec. 10.13.830(b) indicates that this section does not apply to good faith omissions or acts made under certain conditions.

Sec. 10.13.830(c) indicates that (a) is in addition to the other provisions of this chapter authorizing the department to issue orders or take other action on account of a violation of this chapter.

Sec. 10.13.850 directs that the chapter be liberally construed to accomplish its purposes.

Sec. 10.13.860 subjects a proceeding under AS 10.13.830 to the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), and exempts, except as otherwise indicated in this chapter, from AS 44.62 the other proceedings and actions under this chapter.

Sec. 10.13.870 allows certain final administrative orders to be appealed.

Sec. 10.13.880 indicates that the provisions of the law under which a licensee is incorporated apply to the licensee. However, if that law conflicts with this chapter, this chapter controls.

Sec. 10.13.890 provides guidelines to determine when a person is considered to be an associate of a licensee.

Sec. 10.13.900 allows a corporation licensed under this chapter to hold other licenses, unless transaction of business under the other license would violate this chapter or be contrary to the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 10.13.910 exempts a licensee from the provisions of AS 06.

Sec. 10.13.920 addresses the department's authority to determine that an act involves a conflict of interest, and therefore, is an unsafe or unsound act.

Sec. 10.13.930(a) prohibits the department from disclosing information acquired under this chapter except under certain limited circumstances.

Sec. 10.13.930(b) authorizes the department to disclose information confidential under (a) (except information acquired during an examination of a licensee) if necessary to promote the public interest.

Sec. 10.13.930(c) authorizes the department to furnish certain information confidential under (a) to the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation in order to carry out AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.390.

Sec. 10.13.930(d) authorizes a BIDCO to provide a copy of an examination report made by the department to its current or prospective creditors or to its shareholders.

Sec. 10.13.990 defines the terms used in the chapter.

Sec. 10.13.995 gives the Chapter a short title.

Section 2 adds a new article to AS 37.17, the chapter on the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation. The new article establishes a program for providing financial assistance to a corporation licensed under AS 10.13 (BIDCO), or to a person preparing to be licensed under AS 10.13.

Sec. 37.17.200 states the purposes of the article.

Sec. 37.17.210 establishes the BIDCO fund.

Sec. 37.17.220 authorizes the foundation to use the BIDCO fund to provide loans and other financial assistance to assist in the formation, capitalization, and operation of BIDCOs.

Sec. 37.17.230 provides general guidelines for the terms and conditions for BIDCO capitalization loans.

Sec. 37.17.240 establishes what a loan commitment for a BIDCO capitalization loan is conditioned upon.

Sec. 37.17.250 establishes what the initial capitalization of a BIDCO must include.

Sec. 37.17.260 authorizes the foundation to subordinate a BIDCO capitalization loan to certain additional capital.

Sec. 37.17.270 requires a BIDCO capitalization loan to be structured so that the full amount of the principal is due in a lump sum at the end of the loan term. Directs that the interest on the loan is to accrue during the loan term and be due at the end of the loan term.

Sec. 37.17.280 authorizes and establishes guidelines for BIDCOs to earn credits to reduce the interest and principal owed on their BIDCO capitalization loans.

Sec. 37.17.290 provides the foundation with guidelines for implementing the program for making BIDCO capitalization loans.

Sec. 37.17.300 establishes certain objectives for the foundation to consider when establishing the terms for BIDCO capitalization loans.

Sec. 37.17.310 requires a BIDCO with an outstanding BIDCO loan to provide the foundation with access to certain meetings and information of the corporation.

Sec. 37.17.320 prohibits a BIDCO that has an outstanding BIDCO loan from providing financing assistance to businesses located outside the state. Provides guidelines for determining the location of a multi-state or multi-national business.

Sec. 37.17.330 prohibits a BIDCO that has an outstanding BIDCO loan from surrendering its BIDCO license without the written consent of the foundation.

Sec. 37.17.340 authorizes the foundation to use the BIDCO fund to provide assistance to a person to complete the tasks necessary for the person to achieve a closing on a BIDCO capitalization loan.

Sec. 37.17.350 authorizes the foundation to establish policies for the confidentiality of information submitted to it under the article.

Sec. 37.17.360 authorizes the foundation, under certain conditions, to make an additional loan to a BIDCO that received a BIDCO capitalization loan.

Sec. 37.17.390 defines certain terms for the article.

Section 3 authorizes state banks to invest in the securities of BIDCOs and corporations preparing to become BIDCOs.

Section 4 makes a change to accommodate the change made by sec. 3.

Section 5 authorizes state mutual savings banks to invest in the securities of BIDCOs and corporations preparing to become BIDCOs.

Section 6 authorizes state trust companies to invest in the stocks, bills of exchange, bonds, mortgages, and other securities of BIDCOs and corporations preparing to become BIDCOs.

Section 7 authorizes state savings associations to invest in the securities of BIDCOs and corporations preparing to become BIDCOs.

Section 8 authorizes state credit unions to invest in the securities of BIDCOs and corporations preparing to become BIDCOs.

Section 9 makes a technical change to accommodate the changes made by sec. 10.

Section 10 prevents AS 37.10.085 from applying to the financial assistance program established under AS 37.17 and to the investment of certain pension funds in BIDCOs and corporations attempting to become BIDCOs.

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Section 11 amends the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation purposes to reflect its BIDCO assistance program.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

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### S P O N S O R   S T A T E M E N T

I appreciate the opportunity to address this committee regarding Committee Substitute for Sponsor Substitute for HB 536.

CSSSHB 536 is an important step in implementing a new approach to promoting economic development by helping to create a more comprehensive and effective private business financing infrastructures. The bill would make possible the creation in Alaska of a new type of licensed and regulated private financial institutions, called Bidcos. The bill is modeled after a program in Michigan which has already resulted in the create of an industry of 9 Bidcos in that state, with others in the process of being formed.

Bidcos provide financing assistance and management assistance to businesses, especially small and medium-sized businesses. They are organized to address a gap for companies with financing needs that are too risky for bank lending, but do not provide the potential for super high rates of return sought by traditional venture funds.

Banks normally finance businesses by providing straight loans, normally with interest rates not exceeding several percentage points above prime. Venture capital funds typically make equity investment in companies with explosive growth potential and the potential to go public or be acquired within 5 years. This gives the venture capital fund the opportunity to share, expeditiously and to a high degree, in the upside success of its portfolio companies. By contrast, Bidcos typically invest in companies in the form of subordinated debt, receiving current interest income, and they compensate for the risk they take by sharing, to a modest degree, in the upside success of a company through a revenue participation or warrants.

The Polaris Fund, which has one of its offices in Alaska, is a good example of a traditional venture capital fund. The Polaris Fund's brochure indicates that its purpose is to provide equity capital to young companies, and states that when the fund invests in a company, the fund seeks, as a minimum objective, 10 times its money back within 5 years. The Polaris Fund provides an



important potential source of capital for high risk equity investments in companies with explosive growth potential. Nevertheless, this type of company is a very small part of the market.

Bidcos are designed to address a different part of the market. Bidcos invest in family-owned or closely held companies with good growth potential and the potential to provide a good return to their investor, but which are not likely to grow so rapidly as to go public or be acquired and provide the kinds of returns sought by traditional venture capital funds.

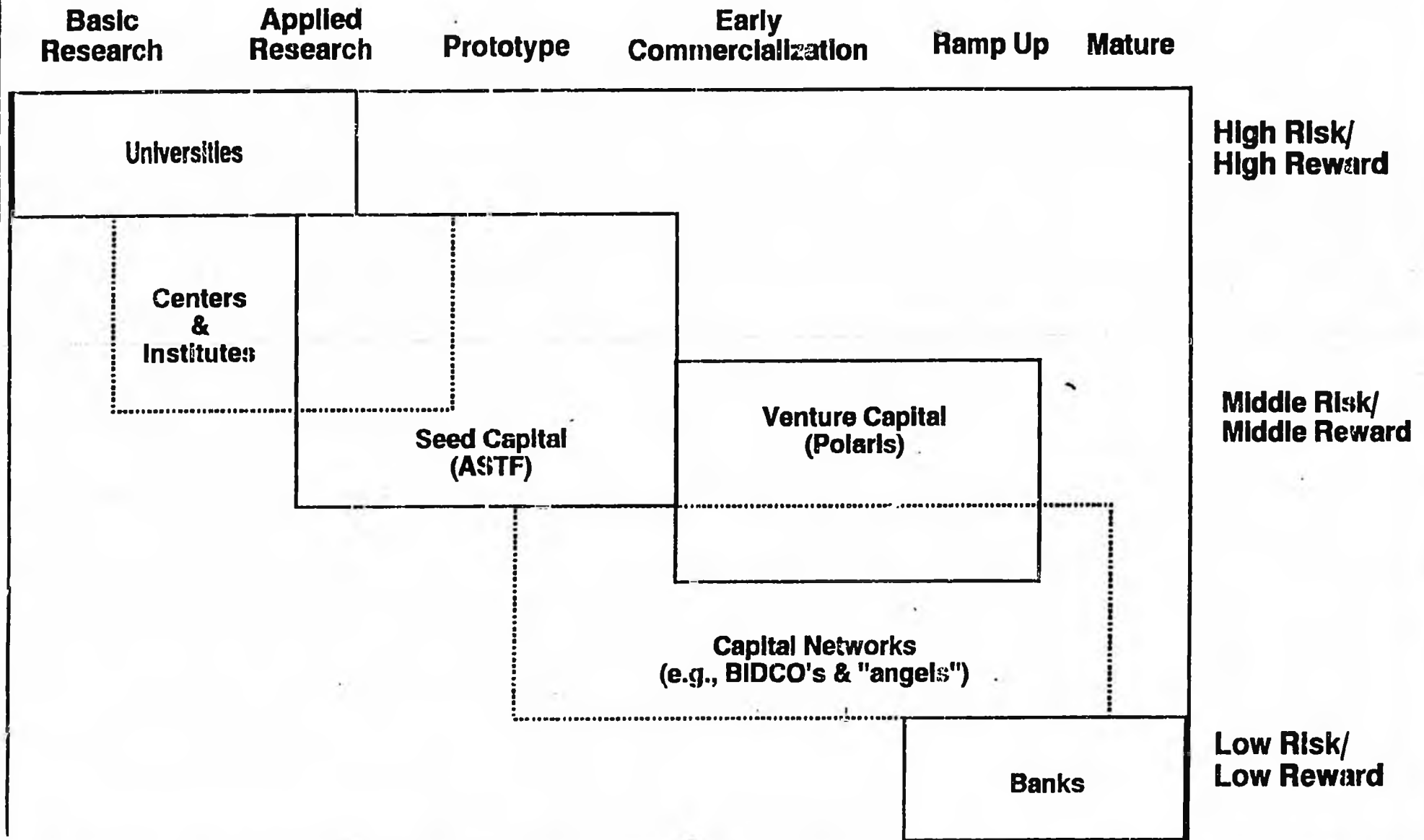
The first part of CSSSHB 536 provides a system for the Department of Commerce and Economic Development to license and regulate one or more Bidcos. This is modeled after Michigan's licensing and regulation statute for Bidcos. The licensing and regulation system is designed to encourage capital sources to invest in and lend money to Bidcos because they can take comfort in the fact that they are investing in or lending to a licensed and regulated, private financial institution. The system of licensing, regulation and enforcement is designed to prevent fraud, conflict of interest, and mismanagement, and to promote competent management, accurate record keeping, and appropriate communication with shareholders.

To obtain a license, a Bidco must satisfy various standards relating to the competency and good character of its officers and directors, the adequacy of its business plan, and the sufficiency of its capitalization. Once licensed, a Bidco is subject to annual examinations by the Department, with the Department having a enforcement mechanisms such as cease and desist orders to correct violations or stop unsafe or unsound acts.

The second part of the bill provides for a program whereby the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation would provide financial assistance to help catalyze the formation of one or more Bidcos in Alaska. This program is similar to a program implemented in Michigan by a state agency called the Michigan Strategic Fund.

The financial assistance provided by the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation would help capitalize the Bidco and would assist the Bidco in raising substantial private investment. The Foundation's assistance would be in the form of a loan to the Bidco, and would use a formula whereby the principal and interest owed by the Bidco to the Foundation could be reduced, in accordance with the performance of the Bidco in financing business in Alaska which actually create jobs and increase their sale. The Foundation is instructed by the bill to implement the program in a manner designed to encourage the provision of financing by Bidcos to businesses throughout the state, and to provide special incentives to encourage the inclusion of financings for businesses located in distressed areas, including distressed rural areas, and the financing of minority-owned businesses.

# The Innovative Process



HB538

# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred: April 14, 1992

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 5/5/94

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 538

HOUSE BILL NO. 538

DISABILITY/COMP BENEFITS: FIREFIGHTERS

"An Act relating to workers' compensation and occupational disability benefits for firefighters; and providing for an effective date."

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

be replaced with CS HB 538 (Fin)  the same title  
 a new title

have attached amendments(s)

do pass

do not pass

no recommendations

individual recommendations

additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

ADOPTS: \_\_\_\_\_ letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)

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FISCAL NOTE

No. 1  
 Bill Version: CSHB 538 (HES)  
 (H) Publish Date: 4-6-92

STATE OF ALASKA  
 1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: An Act relating to workers' compensation and occupational disability benefits for fire fighters  
 Sponsor: Ellis Donley, Finkelstein  
 Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Affected: Administration  
 BRU: Risk Management  
 Component: Risk Management

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	300.0	500.0	700.0	900.0	1,200.0	1,500.0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	300.0	500.0	700.0	900.0	1,200.0	1,500.0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER FUND SOURCE: 1007	300.0	500.0	700.0	900.0	1,200.0	1,500.0
TOTAL	300.0	500.0	700.0	900.0	1,200.0	1,500.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year impact: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)  
 See Attached.

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
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BILL NO. HB 538

ANALYSIS:

HB 538 creates a new and very broad presumption that any form of heart or respiratory disease or cancer affecting an individual with more than five years of fire fighting exposure arises from their work experience. This presumption is further expanded to apply for an additional 20 years beyond the last date the individual was employed as a fire fighter.

The terms "heart disease, respiratory disease and cancer" are very broad and will be construed to extend this presumption such that any form of the many variations of these diseases will be deemed caused by work rather than personal exposures.

The fiscal impact for this bill is difficult to estimate as it will extend not only to the 175 regular full-time fire fighters employed by the State, but also to the 130 regular seasonal fire fighters engaged by the Department of Natural Resources (average of 5.3 months per year) and possibly to the 600-800 emergency fire fighting crews that are hired for anywhere between 3 weeks to 2 months a year.

Conservative cost estimates (medical and wage loss) range between \$240,000 and \$400,000 for each potential permanent disability claim. We project future claims to increase each year due to the very broad language and 20-year extension period. Even by very conservative estimates we anticipate several cases in the early years, with ever increasing obligations even beyond our five-year projection.

Since the Division of Risk Management claims funds are collected entirely through interagency receipts, if enacted premium allocations to the employing agencies would be increased to meet this additional exposure.

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**FISCAL NOTE**

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO :** CSHB 538 (HES)

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: "An Act relating to workers' compensation ... for firefighters ..."  
 Sponsor: Representative Ellis  
 Requestor: House Labor & Commerce

Department Affected: Labor  
 BRU: Workers' Compensation  
 Component: Workers' Compensation  
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 344

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

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND&STRUCTURES						
GRANTS,CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL</b>						
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<b>REVENUE FUND SOURCE:</b>						
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**FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Approved by Commissioner: C. W. Mahlen

Agency: Department of Labor

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 538 ( )  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:  
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES ELLIS, Donley, Finkelstein, Koponen, Gruenberg, B.Davis, Moyer, Bruckman, Foster

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to workers' compensation benefits for fire fighters; and providing for an  
2 effective date."

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

4 \* Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that fire fighters are

5 (1) required to work in conditions that result in exposure to smoke, fumes, and chemicals  
6 that are carcinogenic, poisonous, or toxic;

7 (2) continually exposed to a vast and expanding field of hazardous substances;

8 (3) constantly entering uncontrolled environments to save lives and reduce property  
9 damage;

10 (4) frequently not aware of the potential toxic and carcinogenic substances that they may  
11 be exposed to;

12 (5) often exposed simultaneously to multiple carcinogens, unlike other workers;

13 (6) experiencing a rise in occupational heart disease, circulatory or respiratory problems,  
14 and cancer related to the rapid proliferation of thousands of toxic substances;

1 (7) being exposed to agents that can result in the development of heart disease,  
2 circulatory or respiratory problems, or cancer very slowly over a period of five to 40 years;

3 (8) experiencing heart disease, circulatory or respiratory problems, and cancer that arise  
4 out of and in the course of employment.

5 \* Sec. 2. AS 23.30.120 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (d) In a proceeding under this chapter, a preliminary link between the employment and  
7 the injury may not be required of a claimant before the presumption of compensability  
8 established in (a) of this section applies if the injury consists of heart disease, circulatory disease,  
9 respiratory disease, or cancer and the claimant was employed as a fire fighter for five or more  
10 years before the onset of the disease. In this subsection, "cancer" means cancer of a type caused  
11 by exposure to heat, radiation, or a known carcinogen, as defined by the International Agency  
12 for Research on Cancer; and "fire fighter" includes a volunteer fire fighter.

13 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1992.

**BILL NO:** CS for House Bill No. 538(HES)

**DATE:** April 9, 1992

**TITLE:** Disability/Comp Benefits:  
Firefighters

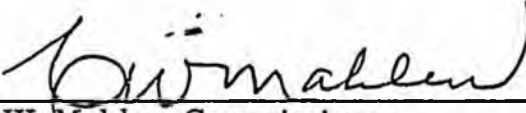
**CONTACT:** Arbe Williams  
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Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 538 (HES) amends the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act to include the presumption that heart disease, respiratory disease, or cancer suffered by a fire fighter is work-related if the disease occurs during employment as a fire fighter. This presumption is maintained for twenty years after termination of employment as a fire fighter if the fire fighter has been employed continuously as a fire fighter for five years before the onset of the disease.

It is not anticipated that this bill will affect the department's administration of the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act. However, the Act already creates a presumption, in the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, that the injury or illness is work-related. It is additionally provided that there is no time limitation for filing a claim for workers' compensation coverage in the case of latent defects pertinent to and causing compensable disability.

The Department of Labor does not support CS for House Bill No. 538 (HES). In effect, this legislation would grant preferred status to a specific group of workers and would place an undue burden on certain employers. Workers are adequately protected by the presumption currently in law.

APPROVED:

  
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C. W. Mahlen, Commissioner  
Department of Labor

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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

### House Bill 538

Firefighters face occupational dangers that are unique to their work. They rush into uncontrolled environments where they are exposed to carcinogenic, poisonous or toxic smoke or fumes. They are also exposed to a growing list of hazardous chemicals, the effects of which are not fully known. The effects of exposure may not manifest itself until long after the exposure occurred.

House Bill 538 was introduced due to the unique hazards faced by firefighters. Under the state workers compensation program, this bill changes the burden of proof from the firefighter to the state, that any heart disease, respiratory disease, cancer or circulatory problems that the firefighter develops was not due to the firefighter's employment.

Alaska is one of the few states that has not established this presumption in regard to occupational diseases of firefighters. Forty-three other states have done so. House Bill 538 includes volunteer firefighters.





# ANCHORAGE FIRE FIGHTERS UNION

LOCAL 1264  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS  
AFL-CIO

1200 E. 76TH #1227  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99518



February 13, 1992

To The Honorable Members of the Alaska Legislature:

Representative Ellis is sponsoring legislation that would provide Alaskan firefighters with a rebuttable presumption of causation between occupational hazards associated with firefighting and certain diseases prevalent among active and retired firefighters. Specifically, the diseases covered by the presumption include heart and respiratory disease and cancer.

The presumption is necessary in order to ensure that firefighters will qualify for medical cost reimbursement, disability payments and death benefits associated with such illnesses. Under existing Alaska law, firefighters bear the legal burden of proving that such illnesses are occupationally related.

It should be noted that Alaska is one of only a few states that have not established a presumption with regard to occupational diseases. According to information recently received from the International Association of Firefighters, approximately 43 states have statutes establishing a presumption with regard to occupational diseases. The scope of the presumption varies from state to state.

Recognizing that most communities in Alaska have volunteer fire departments, this legislation would extend the benefit of the presumption to any firefighter, volunteer or paid, with five or more years active service.

We look forward to working with the Seventeenth Legislature for passage of this critically important legislation and will be happy to meet with members individually or in committee to foster its advancement. This legislation is the Anchorage Firefighters Union's number one legislative priority.

We respectfully encourage all legislators to consider co-sponsorship and would be happy to provide you with additional information and answer any questions you or your staff may have.

Sincerely,

Tim Cornelius  
President

# Injured Soldotna firefighter now battles for air

Times 7-12-91



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lung damage from a Soldotna blaze keeps firefighter Rusty Grilley constantly on oxygen.

## ASSOCIATED PRESS

KENAI — A brief breath of toxic smoke has brought Soldotna fireman Rusty Grilley face to face with a deadly lung disease. Now he's not fighting fires, he's fighting for his life.

Grilley, 33, injured his lungs during a fire in January at Alaska Fast Foto in Soldotna. With other firefighters from Central Emergency Services, he was outside the small store when an unexpected gust blew fumes containing photo processing chemicals into his face.

After two visits to a Denver hospital specializing in respiratory problems, Grilley was diagnosed with bronchiolitis obliterans, a disease in which white cells, fighting infection in the lungs, produce scar tissue that closes off the lungs' smallest airways.

In his case, Grilley's lungs admit only 40 percent of the needed oxygen into the blood stream. He is on oxygen 24 hours a day to avoid any organ or brain damage.

Since doctors have little experience combatting the relatively rare lung disease, the effectiveness of his treatment is something of an unknown.

"The problem is, there's no scientific data on this kind of treatment," Grilley said as he inhaled oxygen through a tube secured around his nose. "I'm waiting to be written up."

Grilley is taking steroids to fight the inflammation in his lungs, which constantly burn, he said. The steroids, however, increase the amount of white cells in the lungs which cause the scar tissue, so he must also take chemotherapy pills to counterbalance the increase.

Doctors will not know if the steroids and chemotherapy are working for another three to six months, Grilley said. And if they do work, it will require at least another year of treatment and the oxygen.

Unfortunately, his lungs feel like they are getting worse. Others who have had similar but more severe diseased lungs have died within six

weeks, he said.

Grilley is confined to a breathing cord connected to a machine that boosts his intake of oxygen. His daily, 15-minute walk outside with a portable oxygen tank tires him substantially.

The situation has also been hard on his family. His wife, Cherie, and his three sons, David, 6, Daniel, 13, and Stephen, 16, have had to pick up the slack on tasks he used to do around the house. He cannot work, but he will receive a full-time salary for up to a year from the date of the fire.

Fire Chief Greg Barclay said Grilley's injury in the line of duty is the most severe in his memory.

Since the fire, the fire department has revised its procedures for working around toxic smoke. Firefighters now have better breathing apparatuses, and use a detector that determines the concentrations of carbon dioxide and other chemicals at a fire site.

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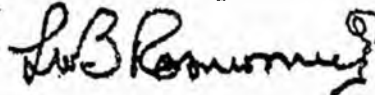
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6 April 1992

Rep. Richard Foster  
FAX #465-3242  
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Dear Richard,

Noticed that House Bill No. 538 was due to be discussed in the near future and wanted you to know after having been on a Volunteer Fire Dept. here in Nome for 25 years, that I support the concept of protecting those that protect so many others. Workman's Compensation Benefits for the Volunteer Fireman has been a long time in coming. The Volunteer Fireman serves the public in no less form than does the Paid Fireman. They serve the public at full exposure to financial loss to their families for those diseases and dangers that effect all Firemen. Although I am inside as a Fireman, I suspect from my other backgrounds that Volunteer Departments would attract more Firemen towards Volunteering if they had the security afforded them thru Workman's Compensation.  
Thanks for your time.



LEO B. RASMUSSEN NVPD Lt. 1967-Pres.  
Mayor of Nome, 1977-1985

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4.7.92

Re: Richard Lister  
Insurance #  
Fax # 465-3242

Dear R. Lister,

This letter is in support of HB 538  
I hope that is Bill will pass as it has  
served the Alaska Volunteer Fire Dept. for  
the past 10 years and I know that  
life / health insurance is the occupation  
is a great concern. We receive annually  
more 250<sup>00</sup> / 300<sup>00</sup> which is not enough to  
to cover the expenses.

Again I support HB 538

Thank you  
J. W. F.  
Tom LUBST, Jr  
10 KAN-NUFD Member

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TO REP FOSTER

FROM Doug Doyle

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I encourage the passage of  
HB 538 - I cannot believe  
the position of the AML -

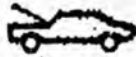
As far as fire fighters being  
compensated, I am paid about  
\$300<sup>00</sup> annually to put my life  
and health on the line for the  
people of the STATE OF ALASKA

21 YR VOLUNTEER FIRE  
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S/

Douglas A. Doyle

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To Rep Foster

FROM HOMER WHITE

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I am in favor of House Bill

538.

H. O. A.

HOMER G. WHITE

Fairbanks AK.

911 - Emergency



## Bethel Fire Department

Mark R. Barker, Fire Chief  
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Rep. Dave Donley,  
House Judiciary Chairman  
Alaska Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

April 9, 1992

Subject: Support of HB538

Dear Rep. Donley;

This letter, written on behalf of the paid and volunteer firefighters of my department and the Board of Directors and membership of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association, urges your support and passage of House Bill #538, which will soon be heard by your committee.

As written, HB538 would present Alaskan firefighters with a twenty year post-retirement window for the appearance of any disease of a presumably occupational nature, during which time an afflicted member could apply for the workers compensation benefits to which he or she is entitled. This bill does not increase or decrease the benefit itself; rather, it simply smooths the path for deserving members who become ill because of their service as firefighters. Cost to the system is not really affected, as what is proposed merely eliminates the spectacle of sick people having to retain expensive counsel to receive fair treatment. This bill will shift the burden of proof from the afflicted individual to the compensation system.

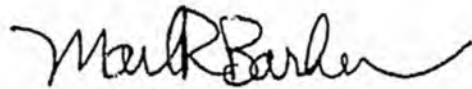
As you are probably well aware, firefighters today face a growing threat in the tremendous proliferation of synthetic chemicals. As technology relies more on artificial substances in the quest to make our lives easier, the resultant rise in toxic smoke created when these things burn makes firefighter's lives more dangerous. What is ominous for firefighters is that their cancer death rate has more than doubled in the last 30 years, providing an parallel with the increase in synthetic substances.

HB538;Donley

The insidious nature and long incubation periods of many of the illnesses covered under the bill, mandate the 20 year window and as written would provide the necessary protection for these caring and dedicated people.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or your local Fire Chief for more information.

Sincerely,



Mark R. Barker  
Fire Chief  
1st Vice President,  
Alaska Fire Chiefs Assn.

cc. Pres.; AFCA  
Bethel City Manager

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DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN  
FILMED BUT ARE AVAILABLE IN THE  
ORIGINAL FILE INCLUDE:

→ letters of support - City of Kodiak Fire Dept.  
(11 letters)

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