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Making appropriations to the Office of the Governor, to the Alaska Power Authority for feasibility studies for the Susitna hydroelectric project, and to the Legislative Affairs Agency; and providing for an effective date.

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

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 12

Approved by the Governor: May 31, 1979
Actual Effective Date: June 1, 1979

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* Section 1. (a) The sum of \$8,178,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Office of the Governor for the purpose of paying costs of a portion of the Phase I feasibility studies of the Susitna hydroelectric project. The governor may not spend or obligate the sum appropriated in this section unless either

(1) federal legislation is enacted providing in substance for an agreement to repay the sum appropriated

(A) if the report issued as a result of the studies demonstrates that the Susitna hydroelectric project is not feasible; or

(B) if the report demonstrates the project is feasible and the Alaska Power Authority is not able to borrow money to pay construction costs of the project, including the costs of the report, based on the security of the project or its revenue within three years of the completion of the report; or

(2) a plan is developed that the Alaska Power Authority considers a reasonable alternative program for accomplishing the work required to produce a complete application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a license to construct the project.

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1 (b) The sum appropriated may be spent or obligated by the governor, if
2 either of the events described in (a)(1) or (2) of this section occurs on or
3 before January 1, 1980.

4 (c) The program to be developed under (a)(2) of this section shall
5 include the specific site work and public involvement required to develop
6 needed environmental, economic and technical information, and must include an
7 independent analysis of seismic potential and related design factors.

8 * Sec. 2. The sum of \$150,000 is appropriated from the general fund to
9 the Alaska Power Authority for the purpose of paying the costs of developing
10 the alternative program referred to in sec. 1(a)(2) of this Act.

11 * Sec. 3. The sum of \$200,000 is appropriated from the general fund to
12 the Legislative Affairs Agency to contract for an independent study, in
13 consultation with the Alaska Power Authority, to analyze (1) existing assump-
14 tions and findings concerning the power needs and population growth projec-
15 tions of the railbelt area; and (2) possible energy supply alternatives,
16 including the proposed Susitna hydroelectric project. The alternatives shall
17 include but are not limited to smaller hydroelectric, coal and gas-fired
18 plants. A report shall be submitted to the legislature by April 15, 1980.

19 * Sec. 4 The unexpended and unobligated portions of the appropriations
20 made by this Act lapse into the general fund June 30, 1980.

21 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
22 070(c).