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* Section 1. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 14A. ALASKA RESEARCH POLICY ACT.

Sec. 44.19.250. PURPOSE. The purpose of the Alaska Research Policy Act is to establish state research policy, priorities, and goals, and to provide a plan for basic and applied scientific research for the state, including natural resources and materials, physical, biological, and health sciences, and social and behavioral sciences.

Sec. 44.19.252. STATEMENT OF POLICY. It is the policy of the state in AS 44.19.250 - 44.19.264, to recognize the important role that scientific and engineering research and science education play for the people of the state and the entire nation. The policy will make it possible to

(1) find, develop, and manage the natural renewable and nonrenewable resources of the state's land and water economically and in an environmentally acceptable fashion;

(2) manage the unique features of the environment, fauna, and flora of the state and protect them from harmful man-made and natural influences;

(3) investigate and mitigate the effects of natural hazards such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, avalanches, permafrost, and other hazards that occur in the state;

(4) construct, operate, and maintain transportation

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1 systems, communications, housing, and other facilities suited to the
2 state's conditions;

3 (5) develop new technologies adapted to the unique con-
4 ditions and needs of the state;

5 (6) improve the health and well being throughout the life
6 cycle of the state's inhabitants; and

7 (7) identify and address future social and economic chal-
8 lenges facing the state.

9 Sec. 44.19.254. SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING ADVISORY COMMISSION.
10 The science and engineering advisory commission is established as a
11 permanent advisory agency in the Office of the Governor.

12 Sec. 44.19.256. MEMBERS OF COMMISSION. (a) The commission is
13 composed of five members appointed by the governor as follows:

14 (1) one member is to be appointed from individuals from the
15 academic institutions of the state with expertise in areas of research
16 relating to the state including the physical, biological, health,
17 environmental, social, and behavioral sciences;

18 (2) one member is to be appointed from individuals who are
19 engaged in activities furthering the welfare of the human and physical
20 environment and who have expertise in areas of research relating to
21 the state, including the physical, biological, health, environmental,
22 social, and behavioral sciences;

23 (3) one member is to be appointed from state departments
24 with research needs; and

25 (4) one member is to be appointed from individuals familiar
26 with the state and representative of the needs and interests of pri-
27 vate industry;

28 (5) the senior science advisor in the governor's office,
29 who serves as chairman and director of the commission.

(b) The members must be residents of the state and shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation.

Sec. 44.19.258. TERM OF MEMBERS OF COMMISSION. Members of the commission, other than the senior science advisor, serve staggered terms of four years and until a successor qualifies and is appointed.

Sec. 44.19.260. EXPENSES AND PER DIEM. A member of the commission serves without compensation but is entitled to travel expenses and per diem prescribed for state boards and commissions under AS 39.-20.180.

Sec. 44.19.262. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. The commission shall

(1) with the senior science advisor, develop and recommend an integrated state research policy;

(2) provide policy information to the governor and the legislature on matters that have scientific and engineering significance;

(3) receive scientific and engineering information from the academic and industrial communities;

(4) act in an advocacy role for scientific and engineering issues and science education important to the state that might otherwise be overlooked;

(5) assist state agencies in assessing research needs and establishing priorities among them;

(6) facilitate cooperation between state agencies and the University of Alaska and other academic institutions and industry;

(7) recommend methods to improve logistical planning and support for needed state research;

(8) suggest methods for improving efficient sharing and dissemination of data and information in the state among interested public and private institutions;

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1 (9) promote science education and training for young scien-
2 tists and engineers to pursue careers in the state and the Arctic;

3 (10) cooperate with the Federal Arctic Research Commission
4 in the formulation of the Arctic research policy; and

5 (11) not later than September 30 of each year, present to
6 the governor the commission's recommended research priorities of the
7 state for the next fiscal year.

8 Sec. 44.19.264. SHORT TITLE. AS 44.19.250 - 44.19.264 may be
9 cited as the Alaska Research Policy Act.

10 * Sec. 2. Notwithstanding AS 44.19.258, added by sec. 1 of this Act,
11 the initial terms of members of the science and engineering advisory com-
12 mission, other than the senior science advisor, shall be set under AS 39.-
13 05.055(2).
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