

STATE OF ALASKA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 90

1994



1 Under the authority of art. III, sec. 23, of the Alaska Constitution, and in accordance
2 with AS 24.08.210, I order the following:

3 * Section 1. FINDINGS. As governor, I find that it would be in the best interests of
4 efficient administration to move the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation from the
5 Department of Revenue to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, and
6 to transfer the duties of the science and engineering advisory commission to the Alaska
7 Science and Technology Foundation, thus integrating the state's science and technology
8 activities within the state agency responsible for the comprehensive economic development
9 of the State of Alaska.

10 * Sec. 2. AS 37.17.010(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) The Alaska Science and Technology Foundation is established as a public
12 corporation in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development
13 [REVENUE].

14 * Sec. 3. AS 37.17.090(c) is amended to read:

15 (c) Grant awards by the board must be consistent with the policy and research
16 priorities identified by the foundation under AS 37.17.420 [ALASKA SCIENCE
17 AND ENGINEERING ADVISORY COMMISSION].

1 * Sec. 4. AS 37.17 is amended by adding new sections to read:

2 ARTICLE 3. SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING RESEARCH;
3 SCIENCE EDUCATION.

4 Sec. 37.17.400. PURPOSE. The purpose of AS 37.17.400 - 37.17.430 is to
5 establish state research policy, priorities, and goals, and to provide a plan for basic
6 and applied scientific research for the state, including natural resources and materials,
7 physical, biological, and health sciences, and social and behavioral sciences.

8 Sec. 37.17.410. STATEMENT OF POLICY. It is the policy of the state in
9 AS 37.17.400 - 37.17.430 to recognize the important role that scientific and
10 engineering research and science education play for the people of the state and the
11 entire nation. The policy will make it possible to

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

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

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

20 (4) construct, operate, and maintain transportation systems,
21 communications, housing, and other facilities suited to the state's conditions;

22 (5) develop new technologies adapted to the unique conditions and
23 needs of the state;

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

26 (7) identify and address future social and economic challenges facing
27 the state.

28 Sec. 37.17.420. ADDITIONAL POWER AND DUTIES OF THE
29 FOUNDATION. (a) In addition to its duties under AS 37.17.010 - 37.17.390, the
30 Alaska Science and Technology Foundation shall

- 1 (1) develop and recommend an integrated state research policy;
- 2 (2) provide policy information to the governor and the legislature on
- 3 matters that have scientific and engineering significance;
- 4 (3) receive scientific and engineering information from the academic
- 5 and industrial communities;
- 6 (4) act in an advocacy role for scientific and engineering issues and
- 7 science education important to the state that might otherwise be overlooked;
- 8 (5) assist state agencies in assessing research needs and establishing
- 9 priorities among them;
- 10 (6) facilitate cooperation between state agencies and the University of
- 11 Alaska and other academic institutions and industry;
- 12 (7) recommend methods to improve logistical planning and support for
- 13 scientific and engineering research conducted in the state by state, federal, or
- 14 international agencies, private industry, the general public, or private research
- 15 organizations;
- 16 (8) recommend methods for improving efficient acquisition, storage,
- 17 transfer, and dissemination of scientific and engineering data and information among
- 18 interested public and private institutions and the general public;
- 19 (9) promote science education and training for young scientists and
- 20 engineers to pursue careers in the state and the Arctic;
- 21 (10) cooperate with the federal Arctic Research Commission in the
- 22 formulation of the Arctic research policy; and
- 23 (11) not later than September 30 of each year, present to the governor
- 24 recommended research priorities of the state for the next fiscal year.

25 (b) In addition to the foundation's powers under AS 37.17.010 - 37.17.390,

26 the foundation may

- 27 (1) receive money from private and government sources; and
- 28 (2) award contracts and grants to accomplish the purposes of
- 29 AS 37.17.400 - 37.17.430.

30 Sec. 37.17.430. APPROPRIATIONS. Appropriations made for the purposes

1 of AS 37.17.400 - 37.17.430 are not one-year appropriations and do not lapse under
2 AS 37.25.010.

3 * Sec. 5. AS 44.19.251, 44.19.253, 44.19.255, 44.19.257, 44.19.259, 44.19.261, 44.19.263,
4 44.19.264, and 44.19.265 are repealed.

5 * Sec. 6. TRANSITION. (a) Litigation, hearings, investigations, and other proceedings
6 pending under a law amended or repealed by this Order, or in connection with functions
7 transferred by this Order, continue in effect and may be continued and completed
8 notwithstanding a transfer or amendment or repeal provided for in this Order.

9 (b) Contracts, rights, liabilities, and obligations created by or under a law amended
10 or repealed by this Order, and in effect on June 30, 1994, remain in effect notwithstanding
11 this Order's taking effect. Records, equipment, appropriations, and other property of agencies
12 of the state whose functions are transferred under this Order shall be transferred to implement
13 the provisions of this Order.

14 * Sec. 7. This Order takes effect July 1, 1994.

DATED: January 10, 1994.

/s/ Walter J. Hickel
Walter J. Hickel, Governor