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HOUSE BILL NO. 30

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLLAND

Introduced: 1/10/25 Referred: Prefiled

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act establishing the office of entrepreneurship; relating to new businesses in the

2 state; relating to reports concerning procurements by agencies; and relating to initial

3 business license fees for new businesses in the state."

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

5 * Section 1. AS 36.30.540 is amended to read:

6	Sec. 36.30.540. Procurement report. The commissioner shall annually
7	[BIENNIALLY] prepare a report concerning procurements by agencies and notify the
8	legislature that the report is available. The report must include
9	(1) the records maintained by the commissioner under AS 36.30.510

and the records maintained under AS 36.30.520(a) for the previous [TWO] fiscal <u>year</u>
[YEARS];

12 (2) a list of procurements made under this chapter from out-of-state 13 sources during the previous [TWO] fiscal <u>year</u>, [YEARS] together with the total 14 number of procurement contracts entered into during that period with out-of-state

1	contractors and the total value of these contracts; this paragraph does not apply to
2	procurements made under AS 36.30.320; and
3	(3) a list of procurements made under this chapter from state sources
4	during the previous [TWO] fiscal year, [YEARS] together with the total number of
5	procurement contracts entered into during that period with state contractors and the
6	total value of these contracts; this paragraph does not apply to procurements made
7	under AS 36.30.320 <u>:</u>
8	(4) the total number of procurement contracts entered into during
9	the previous fiscal year with new businesses in the state, the total value of these
10	contracts, and details on the demographic and geographic areas of these
11	businesses;
12	(5) the percentage of the total number and total value of
13	procurement contracts entered into in the previous fiscal year that were entered
14	into with new businesses in the state; and
15	(6) recommendations on improving access to procurement
16	contracts for new businesses in the state, including details on new businesses in
17	the state in statistically underrepresented demographic segments and geographic
18	areas of the state.
19	* Sec. 2. AS 36.30.540 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
20	(b) In this section, "new business in the state" has the meaning given in
21	AS 44.33.859.
22	* Sec. 3. AS 43.70.030(a) is amended to read:
23	(a) The fee for each business license is \$50 a year, except that the fee is
24	(1) \$25 if the business is a sole proprietorship and the sole proprietor is
25	(A) [(1)] 65 years of age or older when the sole proprietor
26	applies for the license or will reach 65 years of age at any time during the year
27	for which the license is issued; or
28	(B) [(2)] a disabled veteran; and
29	(2) \$0 for an initial business license if the business is a new
30	business in the state as defined in AS 44.33.859.
31	* Sec. 4. AS 44.33 is amended by adding new sections to read:

1	Article 13A. Entrepreneurship.
2	Sec. 44.33.850. Office of entrepreneurship. The office of entrepreneurship is
3	created in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development.
4	Sec. 44.33.853. Duties. The office shall
5	(1) employ personnel;
6	(2) promote entrepreneurship growth in the state;
7	(3) assist stakeholders and organizations supporting entrepreneurship
8	with enhancing skills and learning opportunities, providing technical support, and
9	expanding access to resources for entrepreneurs in the state;
10	(4) assist new businesses in the state in navigating interactions with the
11	state.
12	Sec. 44.33.855. Annual report. On or before January 1 of each year, the office
13	shall prepare a report detailing legislation enacted in the previous year that supports,
14	hinders, or otherwise affects new businesses in the state. The office shall submit the
15	report to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of representatives and
16	notify the legislature that the report is available.
17	Sec. 44.33.857. New state business development. (a) Subject to
18	appropriation, each fiscal year, state agencies shall collectively expend an amount
19	equal to five percent of the total amount appropriated for economic development
20	programs in a fiscal year for support organizations or programs that provide services
21	to new businesses in the state.
22	(b) A state agency shall notify the office of the expenditure of funds under this
23	section. The notification must include the amount of the expenditure and identify the
24	organization or program that received the funds.
25	Sec. 44.33.859. Definitions. In AS 44.33.850 - 44.33.859,
26	(1) "new business in the state" means a business with its principal
27	place of business in the state that has been in operation for less than five years;
28	(2) "office" means the office of entrepreneurship;
29	(3) "state agency" means a department, institution, board, commission,
30	division, authority, public corporation, committee, or other administrative unit of the
31	executive branch of state government.