

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 52(EDC)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/3/15

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HERRON, Ortiz

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act establishing a museum construction grant program in the Department of
2 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.57 is amended by adding new sections to read:

5 **Article 4. Museum Construction.**

6 **Sec. 14.57.300. Museum construction, expansion, and major renovation**
7 **matching grant program.** (a) A matching grant program is established in the
8 Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development for museum
9 construction, expansion, and major renovation projects approved under this section.
10 The department may not accept an application for a grant under this section unless the
11 legislature makes an appropriation for the grant program.

12 (b) A person in charge of construction, expansion, or major renovation of an
13 eligible museum may apply to the department for a matching grant under regulations
14 adopted by the department.

1 (c) The department shall award not more than 50 percent of the final projected
2 costs based on accepted bids to an eligible applicant.

3 (d) In this section, "major renovation" means a significant physical upgrade
4 that allows a museum to better preserve artifacts and present artifacts to the public or
5 to improve space to allow a museum to provide improved educational services to the
6 public.

7 **Sec. 14.57.305. Eligibility.** A museum may be eligible to receive a grant award
8 under AS 14.57.300 if the museum applies for a grant on a form approved by the
9 department and

10 (1) is located in the state;

11 (2) is eligible to receive state grant funds; and

12 (3) provides matching funds from other sources in an amount equal to
13 at least 50 percent of the total proposed grant project costs.

14 **Sec. 14.57.350. Definitions.** In AS 14.57.300 - 14.57.350,

15 (1) "department" means the Department of Commerce, Community,
16 and Economic Development;

17 (2) "museum" means

18 (A) a museum as defined in AS 14.57.290; and

19 (B) a cultural center that exhibits, cares for, or stores
20 collections and is open to the public.