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Senate Bill 93

“An Act relating to the Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska trust; and providing for an effective date.”

Sponsor:

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Sponsor Statement

The purpose of SB 93, establishing the Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska Trust, is to provide a consistent funding source for the State of Alaska’s ongoing commitment to the Arctic Winter Games and Team Alaska.

Under the leadership of Governor Walter J. Hickel, the Arctic Winter Games were founded 30 years ago. During this time the state has given support for annual membership dues and for Team Alaska as it participates in the biennial Games. However, the funding has not been maintained at a consistent level and requires ongoing annual appropriations.

The Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska Trust would simplify the current funding mechanism and provide stability to the state’s commitment to the Games. This will be particularly important as the Games are held in Nuuk, Greenland in 2002 and Northern Alberta in 2004, requiring a greater financial burden on participants who cover many of the costs themselves or through sponsorship programs.