CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 236(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/19/24
Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS KIEHL, Bjorkman

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1   **"An Act relating to grants to disaster victims."**

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

3   *** Section 1.** AS 26.23.090(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

4   (b) When the President declares a major disaster, the governor may make a

5   financial grant to an individual or family to meet disaster-related necessary expenses

6   or serious needs of the individual or family adversely affected by the disaster that

7   cannot otherwise adequately be met from other means of assistance. The governor

8   may make a grant under this subsection to an individual or family in an amount whose

9   total of federal and state shares does not exceed the maximum amount authorized by

10   42 U.S.C. 5174(h) for grants payable to individuals and families.

11   *** Sec. 2.** AS 26.23.090 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12   (d) When the President does not declare a major disaster but the governor

13   declares a disaster emergency, the governor may make a financial grant to an

14   individual or family to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of

15   the individual or family adversely affected by the disaster that cannot otherwise

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1   adequately be met from other means of assistance. The total amount of grant money

2   provided to an individual or family under this subsection for the disaster may not

3   exceed the greater of $50,000 or one-half of the maximum amount authorized by 42

4   U.S.C. 5174(h) for grants payable to individuals and families. An individual or family

5   that is a unit owner may use a grant made to the unit owner under this subsection to

6   meet the unit's common expense liability that is associated with the disaster. In this

7   subsection, "common expense liability," "unit," and "unit owner" have the meanings

8   given in AS 34.08.990.