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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 286(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act providing for and relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds for the**
2 **purpose of paying the cost of state transportation projects; and providing for an**
3 **effective date."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
6 to read:

7 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. For the purpose of paying the cost of design and
8 construction of state transportation projects and costs incident to the sale and issuance of the
9 bonds, general obligation bonds of the state in the principal amount of not more than
10 \$453,499,200, if ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the state who vote on the
11 question, shall be issued and sold. The full faith, credit, and resources of the state are pledged
12 to the payment of the principal of and interest and redemption premium, if any, on the bonds.
13 The bonds shall be issued under the provisions of AS 37.15 as those provisions read at the
14 time of issuance.

* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

2012 STATE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND. If the issuance of the bonds is ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, a special fund of the state to be known as the "2012 state transportation project fund" shall be established, to which shall be credited the proceeds of the sale of the bonds described in sec. 1 of this Act including premiums.

* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. The amount of \$191,400,000 is appropriated from the 2012 state transportation project fund to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to be awarded as grants under AS 37.05.315 or AS 37.05.316, as applicable, to recipients for projects as follows:

PROJECT	AMOUNT
City of Sitka - Sawmill Cove Industrial Park bulkhead dock	\$ 7,500,000
Haines Borough - boat harbor upgrades	15,000,000
City of Seward - Marine Industrial Center expansion	10,000,000
City of Kodiak - Pier III replacement	15,000,000
Bristol Bay Borough - Port of Bristol Bay expansion and pile dock replacement	7,000,000
City of Togiak - waterfront transit facility	3,300,000
City of St. George - harbor reconstruction	3,000,000
City of Sand Point - Sand Point Road rehabilitation	2,500,000
Newtok Traditional Council - Mertarvik evacuation road construction	4,100,000
City of Bethel - harbor dredging	4,000,000
City of Nome - deep draft port design and construction	10,000,000
City of Kotzebue - Cape Blossom Road and deep water port	10,000,000
Municipality of Anchorage - Port of Anchorage	50,000,000

expansion	
Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Port MacKenzie	30,000,000
rail extension	
Matanuska - Susitna Borough - Bogard Road extension East	13,500,000
City of Nenana - Totchaket resource development	6,500,000
corridor access	

* **Sec. 4.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES. The amount of \$258,500,000 is appropriated from the 2012 state transportation project fund to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to be allocated among the following projects in the amounts listed subject to reallocation between projects in accordance with AS 37.07.080(e):

PROJECT	AMOUNT
Ketchikan - Shelter Cove Road construction/extension	\$19,000,000
Sitka - Katlian Bay Road construction	14,000,000
Juneau - Mendenhall Loop rehabilitation	6,000,000
Juneau - Glacier Highway, MP 4 - 6 rehabilitation	5,500,000
Elliott Highway, MP 108 - 120 reconstruction	6,500,000
Fairbanks - Old Steese Highway to McGrath Road	24,000,000
reconstruction/extension	
North Pole - Plack Road pedestrian pathway	5,000,000
Fairbanks - Wendell Street bridge replacement	14,400,000
Richardson Highway - Ruby Creek Bridge replacement	11,000,000
Kenai - Kenai Spur Road rehabilitation	20,000,000
Platinum Airport runway extension	3,100,000
Port Clarence access improvements	4,000,000
Anchorage - O'Malley Road reconstruction	15,000,000
Anchorage - Glenn Highway/Muldoon Road interchange	15,000,000
reconstruction	
Anchorage - Glenn Highway, Hiland Road to Artillery Road	35,000,000

reconstruction

Anchorage - New Seward Highway/36th Avenue 26,000,000

reconstruction

Anchorage - New Seward Highway - MP 75-90 10,000,000

bridge repairs

Fairview Loop reconstruction 10,000,000

Knik Goose Bay Road reconstruction 15,000,000

* **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

STATE BOND COMMITTEE. If the issuance of the bonds is ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, the amount of \$3,599,200 or as much of that amount as is found necessary is appropriated from the 2012 state transportation project fund of the state to the state bond committee to carry out the provisions of this Act and to pay expenses incident to the sale and issuance of the bonds authorized in this Act.

* **Sec. 6.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

LAPSE; REDEMPTION; REIMBURSEMENT. The unexpended and unobligated balances of the appropriations made in sec. 3 of this Act lapse under AS 37.25.020 and are appropriated to the state bond committee to redeem bonds sold under this Act. The amounts expended from the general fund to pay the principal, interest, and redemption premium on bonds issued under this Act shall be reimbursed to the general fund from the appropriation made under this section to the extent that the money is not needed to redeem the bonds.

* **Sec. 7.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

BALLOT QUESTION. The question whether the bonds authorized in this Act are to be issued shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state at the first general election after the effective date of this Act and shall read substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

State General Obligation \$453,499,200

State Transportation Project Bonds

Shall the State of Alaska issue its general obligation bonds in

1 the principal amount of not more than \$453,499,200 for the
2 purpose of paying the cost of state transportation projects?

3 Bonds Yes []

4 Bonds No []

5 * **Sec. 8.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).