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To: Members of the Alaska Legislature

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Re: Sectional for House Bill 15 (28-LS0058\A)

Section 1: Gives the Department the authority to implement by regulation to comply with federal statutes and regulations. In most cases this is required to prevent the loss of federal highway funds.

Section 2: Clarifies existing language by specifying vehicles are only considered commercial if they are used for commercial purposes. The vehicle must have a GVW of 13 tons or in the case of a bus carries more than 15 passengers. The section also includes vehicle exemptions and establishes that motor homes, for the most part are not considered commercial because of size.

Section 3: Makes the primary needed change by increasing the GVWR from 10,000 pounds to 14 thousand pounds for intrastate commerce.

Points for reference: the deletion of hazardous materials has been place in the bill as it is duplicated in regulation through compliance with federal statute and regulation.

Please note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.