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[HB 181](#) MINING LICENSE REVENUE; REVENUE SHARING

The impetus of House bill 181 comes to us when offshore mining lease sales occurred off the coast of Nome. These lease sales occurred partially within municipal boundaries and sky rocketed demand for space within the Nome harbor. Space the harbor does not have. While the state realized financial benefit for the lease sales it also created a burden on local municipality to provide additional port and harbor services.

HB 181 will give the department authority to share revenues from offshore mining taxes and lease sales with affected municipalities when the leases are within municipal boundaries. This funding would still be subject to legislative approval.

I urge your support of this legislation.