



Economic Development Trade and Tourism Committee – March 28, 2013

HB 165: Alaska Arctic Port & Development Authority

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Arctic Boundary

– as Defined by US Congress

Arctic Boundary as defined by the Arctic Research and Policy Act (ARPA)

All United States and foreign territory north of the Arctic Circle and all United States territory north and west of the boundary formed by the Porcupine, Yukon, and Kuskokwim Rivers; all contiguous seas, including the Arctic Ocean and the Beaufort, Bering and Chukchi Seas; and the Aleutian chain.¹



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1. The Aleutian chain boundary is demarcated by the 'Contiguous zone' limit of 24-nautical miles.

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Overarching Goal:

To develop as effectively and efficiently as possible an Alaska Arctic regional system of ports and related facilities (including a deep water port) for the economic betterment of the region, Alaska as a whole, and the United States.



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Port Authority Could Depoliticize Siting of Arctic Port

- An Alaska Arctic Port and Development Authority with a Board responsible for formulating and implementing a comprehensive plan for development and operation of a regional system of ports and related facilities.
- This will provide a comprehensive approach that will maximize the efficiency of the entire port system in Alaska's Arctic and bring projects on line in an effective manner.
- This is consistent both with the recently completed Alaska Deep Draft Arctic Port Systems Study as well as the recently introduced Federal Bill.



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Legislation:



HB 165 would create the **Alaska Arctic Port & Development Authority (AAPDA)** as a public corporation within DCCED but with its own board and separate and independent legal status.

- Alternatively AAPDA could be created as a subsidiary corporation of AIDEA, to which AIDEA can transfer assets and powers.



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Purpose of the Authority:

- In coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers, USDOT and others, **formulating and implementing a plan for a regional system of ports** (including a deep water port) and related facilities along Alaska's Arctic coast
- Acquiring means of financing for ports and related facilities
- Owning and operating ports and related facilities
- The Authority should allocate resources and services throughout the Alaska Arctic coastal region in a coherent and cost-effective manner



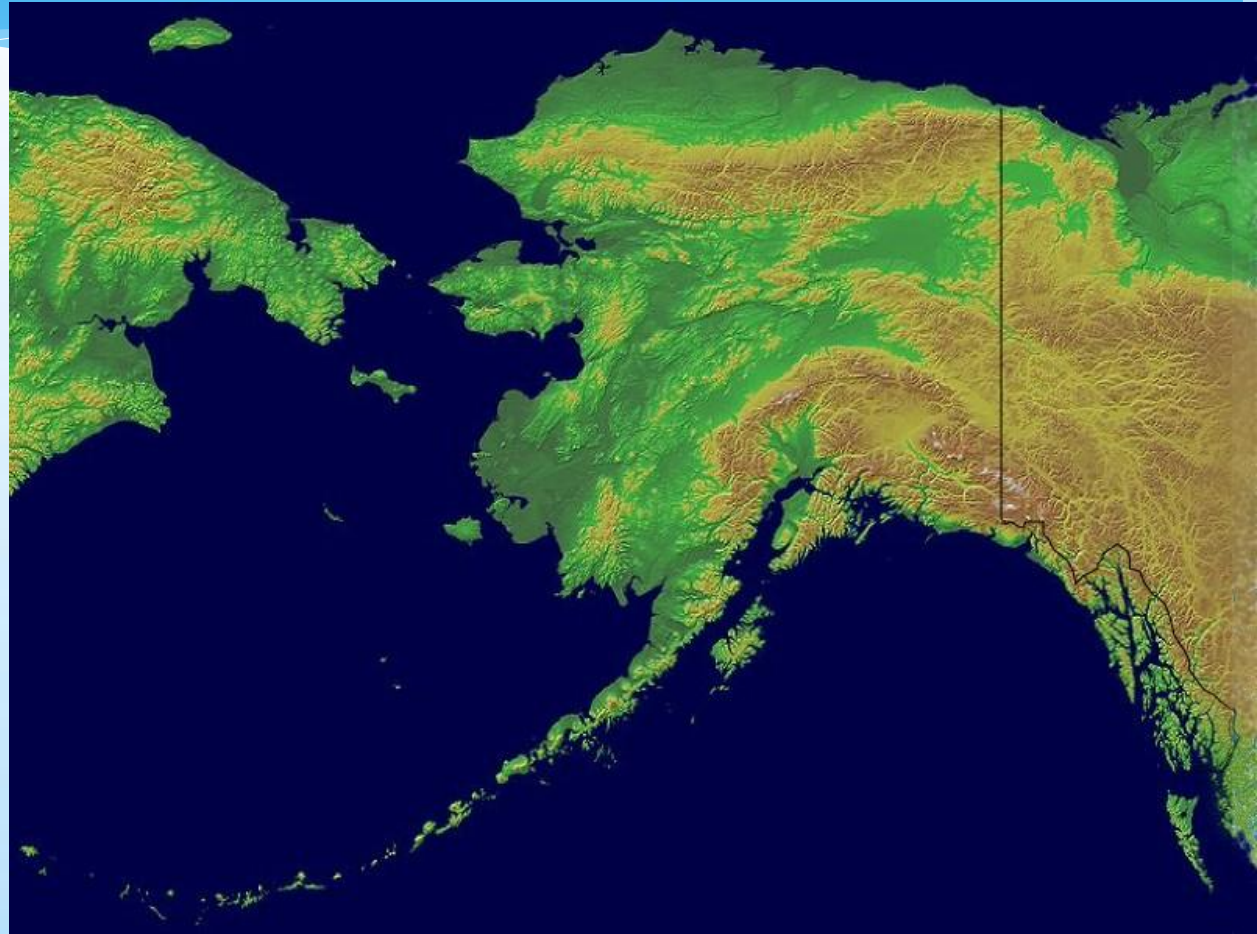
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Boundaries:

Arctic Alaska Coast
from the Canadian
Border to Attu

Inland Areas

- North of the Brooks Range
- West of Barrow



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Powers of the Authority:

- To acquire an interest in a project in the Alaska Arctic coastal region as necessary or appropriate to provide financing for the project
- To acquire, operate and manage projects in Alaska Arctic coastal region
- To straighten, deepen, and improve any watercourse as necessary and proper in the development of a port or its facilities.
- To assist private lenders to make loans to finance costs of projects
- To accept gifts, grants or loans and to enter into contracts with various entities
- To charge and collect fees

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Membership of the Authority:

Authority Board consists of 9 governor-appointed members, 4 of whom must reside in the Alaska Arctic coastal region.



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Types of Possible Projects:

- Docks, Roads, Railroads, Airports, Pipelines
- Facilities for Natural Resource:
 - Processing
 - Refinement
 - Storage
 - Distribution
- Other Facilities for:
 - Vessels
 - Power Generation
 - Seafood Processing
 - Search & Rescue





Thank You!

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