

HB91 Opposing Documents – emails

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Sent: Monday, February 02, 2015 8:05 AM

To: Rep. Shelley Hughes

Subject: RE: News From Hughes

HB 91 has got to be the stupidest thing ever proposed, are you kidding me? We sent you there not to make more laws but to stream line the government and make it more effective.

From: Miriam L. Huling [<mailto:knmlhuling@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, February 02, 2015 12:53 AM

To: Rep. Shelley Hughes

Subject: Re: News From Hughes

Dear Rep. Hughes,

We look forward to your news letters.

I'm really concerned about HB91 re: driving in the right lane only. If we drive in Anchorage traffic, we need to stay in the lane needed for left turn, perhaps as much as three blocks ahead. We can't all stay in the right lane, and then suddenly pull out for a left hand turn in heavy traffic! This bill presents more problems than solutions. Why "fix" something with a solution that isn't needed? It seems like "big brother" on the state level. I'm very conservative, and think this bill goes too far in micro-managing peoples' lives. Perhaps a better approach would be to create zones in certain defined areas of the Glenn and Seward Highways, etc., rather than to subject drivers to added restrictions where not needed. Your intentions are good, but create more nuisance than help if enacted on a state-wide level. Other concerns need more time and energy.

HB8, HB9 and HJR5 are urgently needed, and are worthy of your energy. I need more information re: HB12 before I can decide whether to support it. Thanks for keeping us informed. We listen to the legislative sessions on 360 North, and tape them for later viewing when needed. We appreciate that the sessions and committee meetings are aired twice. We wish the cameras could get more than the one angle so we could see all of the speakers in the legislative room. I've been in that room, so realize that it would probably require another camera to cover the entire room. (The posts in the room are quite substantial.)

We realize that not all transportation projects can be immediately funded,

and that personal energy as well as funds have to be prioritized. We're noticing a better tone this year in all of the discussions, as Alaska's needs are a priority above party pettiness. (Last year we were not pleased with the attitudes in some of the discussions.) Continue to take the "high road"!

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Miriam Huling

From: [Jerry matthews](#)

Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2015 3:52 PM

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Subject: HB91

Mr. Paul Seaton,

House Bill 91, as proposed by Rep Shelley Hughes would not accomplish anything useful. This bill will not have any effect on drivers that are inconsiderate of others on the road AS 28.35.140 as it is now prohibits obstructing or blocking traffic on any roadway by any means. The problem is that there are people that would like to drive the Glen highway between Anchorage and Wasilla Palmer at speeds in excess of the posted speed and others that would like to drive it a slower pace. It may be appropriate to have slower traffic keep right signs posted for this road in certain areas. This type of regulation should be based on the specific road or section of road not a general traffic law. It seems that there are times and places that driving in the right lane would be a greater hazard. Some examples would be on any multilane roadway that have limited access and on ramps, Any highway that has passing lanes in the winter months when the plows have not completely cleared all lanes of snow, or snowpack and ice. It should be the responsibility of the driver to decide the safest lane for driving.

I have been retired for a year and a half, after working in Anchorage and at the same time living in Kasilof for 23 years. I have done a bit of driving over the years and I have seen may times that driving in the right lane would been unsafe and at times discourteous.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely

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From: Kent Kelley [<mailto:ekkelley@gci.net>]

Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 5:35 PM

To: Rep. Shelley Hughes

Subject: lanes

Dear representative Hughes,

I was travelling home today from Anchorage to Eagle River at 5:00 PM and was pondering your plan to change our 3 lane highway into a 2 lane highway. I know this is not your intent but that will be the result. During heavy traffic hours the three lanes available will be down to two lanes with a passing lane that is not legally available for travel, just passing. Right now all three lanes are full and those of us doing 65 in the fast lane will be breaking the law. I can only see this new law as yet another Juneau fund raiser. There are only about 20 miles of 3 lane roads available in Alaska so the law will have very little effect anyway. If the troopers decide to pull a fast lane miscreant over in the fast lane at rush hour the resulting traffic jam and string of accidents will be monumental.

I realize that not all representatives have the committee assignments to take on the massive budget problems our state is facing but I am sure there are some very effective tasks available. If you are on the transportation committee you could look at stopping future expenditures on things like the million dollar signs that light up two or three times a year to tell us the roads are icy...in Alaska....in the winter. Repeal some unnecessary laws, stop the highway department from buying more new vehicles, consolidate some of the many maintenance and repair facilities, stop hiring people the state can't afford.

I realize you are trying to fix a vexing problem but more laws are not a good solution. I am sure someone going 60 in the fast lane is already breaking the law. Maybe try keeping big rigs and people with passenger vehicles towing trailers out of the 3rd lane.

Thank you for your time,

Kent Kelley, Eagle River

PS. If I lived in your district I would probably vote for you. I am just writing because I think you are making a mistake.