



January 26, 2015

Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
State Capitol, Room 426
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support for HB 62 – Off-Highway Drivers' Licenses

Dear Representative Kreiss-Tomkins;

Southeast Conference supports HB62 – Off Highway Drivers' Licenses. This bill would clarify eligibility requirements for off-highway driver's licenses, making them available to people in towns like Kake and Hoonah and Angoon. This means that folks in rural areas wouldn't have to travel to larger cities with DMV offices to get driver's licenses on unfamiliar roads.

Southeast Conference is a regional, membership based nonprofit corporation that advances the collective interest of the people, communities and businesses in Southeast Alaska. Members include municipalities, native corporations and village councils, regional and local businesses, civic organizations and individuals throughout the region. Our goal is to support policies that promote strong economies, healthy communities, and a quality environment for Southeast Alaska. We are the State-designated Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) and the federally-designated Economic Development District (EDD) for Southeast Alaska. Each of these designations requires Southeast Conference to take an active role in regional resource management and economic development planning.

With this legislation our members would have better access to a legal driver's license. On behalf of our Board of Directors, I encourage support for this legislation.

Sincerely,

Shelly Wright
Executive Director

