

## **2017 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Department of Natural Resources Subcommittee

**TO:** HB 57 / HB 59

**OFFERED BY:** Representative Guttenberg

### **RECOMMENDED STATUTE CHANGE:**

Repeal AS 38.05.160

Or, require legislative approval of any waiver the commissioner recommends.

### **EXPLANATION:**

Because the department has never used this waiver, the waiver has not met its legislative intent. The commissioner's potential future use of this waiver could worsen the state's budget deficit. Requiring legislative approval would help to guard against that eventuality.