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SB 168 - Sponsor Statement

Donations/Gifts for DOT&PF Signage

"An Act relating to program receipts; and relating to the acceptance of gifts, donations, and grants for the purpose of providing signage for assets under the control of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities."

As legislators, we have the opportunity to honor individual Alaskans and groups who have contributed to our communities, state, and the nation. One of the more prominent ways we do that is through the commemorative naming of bridges, public buildings, and roads after these people.

An unfortunate point of contention during the debate of such commemorative naming projects is the cost of the signage that accompanies them. During times of budget woes, the associated financial costs of these bills can act as a roadblock to a bill's progress.

SB 168 provides a new avenue for funding commemorative naming projects by allowing receipt authority to the Department of Transportation so that the department is able to collect donations for signage. It does not require these costs to be paid by outside groups but instead helps to codify a process that will not be reliant on state funds.

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