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Airport Zoning & Buffers



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Background: statutory ambiguity

- ▶ AS 02.25.020 grants DOT&PF wide latitude to develop the land surrounding airports
- ▶ AS 35.30.020 requires departments to comply with local planning and zoning ordinances
- ▶ A 1996 memo from the Attorney General gave guidance only with respect to land *on* airport property

Sectional Analysis

- ▶ Requires that DOT&PF comply with local planning and zoning ordinances that require buffers as it develops airport land
- ▶ Allows removal of a buffer to eliminate a safety hazard
- ▶ Requires a public notice and opportunity to comment before removal of a buffer for safety purposes
- ▶ Requires mitigation measures if a buffer is removed

Questions?