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HB131: Community & Transportation Advisory Board

House Bill 131 creates a Community and Transportation Advisory Board which will assist in the development and procedural recommendations for existing programs of state, federal and local agencies that provide community-based transportation services. Public and community transportation is integral in connecting communities, supporting development and serving our most vulnerable constituents.

The designation of this board is a recommendation from the Governor's Coordinated Transportation Task Force which was released in the February 2010 Recommendations Report. The board will continue efforts to address public and community transportation and help fill the gap in transportation for individuals who require more specialized travel – senior citizens, low income individuals, persons with disabilities, and those who are transit-dependent.

The board will consist of 13 members from departments within state and local governments, Denali Commission, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, non-profits, and those with expertise in transportation needs for senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and transit-dependent individuals. This broad range of membership will facilitate communication and strategies that will benefit communities of all sizes.

HB131 has support from the Alaska Mobility Coalition, the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, the Alaska Commission on Aging, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Alaska Brain Injury Network, and the Alaska Suicide Prevention Council.