

Laura Achee

From: Chink Le <jnl11th@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 11:49 AM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Making Alaska car registration legal again.

To Whom It May Concern,

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, John Le

Laura Achee

From: Hosanna Gaffney <hglovejoy01@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 11:52 AM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Sb 239

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Sincerely, Hosanna Gaffney

From: [Kevin Linkenhoker](#)
To: [Senate Transportation Committee](#)
Subject: Sb239
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2026 11:52:04 AM

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Kevin Joseph Linkenhoker

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Sincerely,
John Torwick

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Sincerely, Christian Gaffney

Laura Achee

From: Mark Gaceta <mark.lester22@ymail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 11:51 AM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Sb 239

Good afternoon, I need your help, my Jdm car will arrive this year and I know that we can't title or register the Jdm car even though it rich the 25 years gap..Hope this helps us with Jdm cars to get it title in Alaska.. thank you very much

Mark Gaceta.
Sent from my iPhone

Laura Achee

From: renee strouf <reneestrouf49@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 11:54 AM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Support SB 239

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Sincerely,

Renee Strouf
907-741-9682
Kenai, AK

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Sincerely, Keenan Young
Sent from my iPhone

Laura Achee

From: Brigham Edwards <bedwards187@gmail.com>
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Subject: SB239

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Sincerely,
Brigham Edwards

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From: lintek321@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 11:56 AM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Sb 239

Hi, good morning. Im send you a message regarding the bill sb239. I will get my Jdm car this fall and I know it's hard to get the Jdm car title or register.. I need your help to fight or to pass the bill so all the Jdm culture can easy register our car easy.. thank you

Sent from my iPhone

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Sincerely,

Montana Pearson
2310 Ridgemont Dr, Anchorage, AK, 99507
907-360-1910

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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 12:04 PM
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Laura Achee

From: Quin Chantry <qchantry@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 12:08 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: SB 239

This is a quick message to express my support for SB 239. Thank you to the sponsors and anyone else involved with moving this forward.

- Quin Chantry

Laura Achee

From: jaythen barnett <jaythenb907@yahoo.com>
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Sincerely, William

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From: Mickah Fernandez <mickahf907@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 12:19 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Import Vehicles

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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 12:34 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: SB 239

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Sincerely,
Wayne Krier

Laura Achee

From: dog_fish_flys <dog_fish_flys@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 12:35 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Support for SB 239

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James Shuey

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From: Logan snyder <logeybear907@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 12:55 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
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Sincerely,
Logan snyder

907-355-2727

Laura Achee

From: Kent Hamilton <kentobeanz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 1:06 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Cc: Sen. Cathy Tilton; Sen. James Kaufman
Subject: Support for SB 239

Hello,

As a long time motorsports enthusiast, I'm writing to express support for SB 239. The proposed bill is a simple and effective change that will allow for a rolling age limit on imported vehicles that are otherwise legal for registration nearly everywhere else in the country.

Thank you,

Kent Hamilton
11630 Firline Drive
Anchorage 99516

Laura Achee

From: Zacchaeus Zipay <zzipay1107@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 1:10 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: SB 239

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Best regards,
Zacchaeus Zipay

Laura Achee

From: Michael Mcurrough <mcurrough98@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 2:10 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Jdm registration

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Sincerely, michael mcurrough.

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From: Sen. Cathy Tilton
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 3:03 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: FW: SB239

FYI.



Sen. Cathy Tilton
Senate District M (House Districts 25 & 26)
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From: Chris Spitzer <ctspitzer13@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 2:50 PM
To: Sen. Cathy Tilton <Sen.Cathy.Tilton@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB239

Dear Senator Tilton,

I appreciate your work on SB 239 and wanted to express my support.

Many imported vehicles that meet federal standards are known for their robustness and ease of repair—qualities that align well with Alaska’s needs. In many parts of the state, the ability to maintain a vehicle independently is critical.

These vehicles are already common in states like Hawaii, and aligning Alaska’s system more closely with federal standards helps ensure Alaskans have reasonable access to reliable transportation options.

Thank you for sponsoring this bill.

Chris Spitzer
Sutton, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Lemuel <lem.kulinich@gmail.com>
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Subject: SB239

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From: Fisher, Valeria CIV USARMY CEPOJ (USA) <Valeria.Fisher@usace.army.mil>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 4:08 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Cc: Valeria Fisher; mike14fisher@gmail.com
Subject: my support for SB 239_Fishers

Importance: High

Good Afternoon,

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This also negatively affects the military families who legally import their vehicles from Japan or Germany on military orders, but then cannot register in Alaska. My family and I are relocating from Japan to Anchorage, Alaska, in May and we cannot register the cars that we are bringing with us from Japan legally.

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Best regards,

Valeria Fisher
Contracting Officer
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Okinawa Area Office, Bldg 364, Room 118
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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 4:50 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
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I am writing to express my support for SB 239 and to urge the Senate Transportation Committee to move this bill forward.

I have been importing, registering, and legally driving right hand drive vehicles in Alaska since the 1990's. They meet federal guidelines, EPA regulations, and have to jump through many federal guidelines. They are safer than the 25 year old cars on the road in Alaska because they are not rusted out and falling apart. Making them safer than many cars on the Alaskan roads today.

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I respectfully ask that you support SB 239 and take action to ensure this bill advances.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,
Dean Tampke

Laura Achee

From: Mike Fisher <mike14fisher@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 5:03 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Support for SB 239

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my support for SB 239 and to urge the Senate Transportation Committee to move this bill forward.

Currently, many imported Japanese Domestic Market (JDM) vehicles that are fully legal under federal law—specifically the 25-year import rule—are still being denied titles and registration in Alaska, and almost no other state in the country has laws like this. This creates an unfair situation where Alaskans can legally purchase and own these vehicles, but are prevented from using them due to inconsistent or unclear state-level interpretation of equipment and compliance standards.

This is creating a significant hardship on my family, who is being relocated by the US Army from Japan to Alaska. We have already scheduled our vehicles to ship and found out about the inability to register them after the fact. Not only will we not be able to legally register our vehicles, it will be next to impossible to sell them due to nobody being able to register them and the significant distance to another US state.

SB 239 would correct this issue by aligning Alaska's policies with federal law and providing a clear, consistent path for titling and registering these vehicles. This is not about lowering safety standards—it's about applying reasonable, consistent rules that respect both federal guidelines and private property rights. At 25 years old, my 2000 Nissan from Japan is safer than many older vehicles legally on Alaskan roads.

Alaskans should not be penalized for owning legally imported vehicles, and the current system creates unnecessary confusion for both residents and the DMV. Passing SB 239 would provide clarity, fairness, and a practical solution to a problem that has gone unresolved for too long.

I respectfully ask that you support SB 239 and take action to ensure this bill advances.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mike Fisher

Laura Achee

From: Randy Apling <carbonconceptsak@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 5:28 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: SB239

Please support this bill so I can continue to import my classic Land Rovers to Alaska and enjoy driving them.

Thank you,

Randall Apling
Wasilla Ak
907-244-7505

Laura Achee

From: Jake White <arcticfoamed@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 5:52 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: SB239

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for SB 239 and to urge the Senate Transportation Committee to move this bill forward.

Currently, many imported Japanese Domestic Market (JDM) vehicles that are fully legal under federal law—specifically the 25-year import rule—are still being denied titles and registration in Alaska, and almost no other state in the country has laws like this. This creates an unfair situation where Alaskans can legally purchase and own these vehicles, but are prevented from using them due to inconsistent or unclear state-level interpretation of equipment and compliance standards.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Jake White
Sent from my iPhone

Laura Achee

From: Erika Jones <erikajones711@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 6:28 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Support for SB239

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for SB 239 and to urge the Senate Transportation Committee to move this bill forward.

To include a personal note, I am currently serving as Active Duty in the USAF, with an imported vehicle from Japan that I am unable to register with the current rules as is here in Alaska.

Currently, many imported Japanese Domestic Market (JDM) vehicles that are fully legal under federal law—specifically the 25-year import rule—are still being denied titles and registration in Alaska, and almost no other state in the country has laws like this. This creates an unfair situation where Alaskans can legally purchase and own these vehicles, but are prevented from using them due to inconsistent or unclear state-level interpretation of equipment and compliance standards.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Erika Jones

Laura Achee

From: George Copper <george.c.copper@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 3:39 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Alaska SB239

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for SB 239 and to urge the Senate Transportation Committee to move this bill forward.

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I respectfully ask that you support SB 239 and take action to ensure this bill advances.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, George Copper

Laura Achee

From: Justin Jurica <justin.jurica@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 10:39 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: I support SB239 !!!

Hello,

Imported cars that are perfectly legal at the federal level once they're 25 years old—still can't be titled or registered in Alaska because of how the state interprets equipment and compliance rules. SB 239 is meant to fix that by aligning Alaska with federal standards and creating a clear path to title and register these vehicles, instead of leaving it up to inconsistent and outdated interpretation. Please help to make these imports legal to register like the original intent of the old law.

Thank you for listening,
Justin Jurica
907-250-6816

Sent from my iPhone

Laura Achee

From: Alvin G <ajgaetos@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 11:20 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: SB 239

To Whom It May Concern,

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Alvin Gaetos

Laura Achee

From: Rich Johnson <johnsonar00@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2026 4:22 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Registering vehicles

I am writing to support SB 239 and encourage its advancement through the Senate Transportation Committee.

Right now, Alaska residents who legally import JDM vehicles under the federal 25-year rule are facing unnecessary barriers when trying to title and register them. Despite these vehicles being federally compliant and widely accepted in other states, Alaska's current process leaves too much room for inconsistent interpretation, resulting in denied registrations and stranded investments.

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This is a common-sense change that supports both individual rights and administrative consistency. I strongly urge you to support SB 239 and help move it forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Rich Johnson

Laura Achee

From: Garren Sanchez <garren0003@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2026 4:23 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: SB 239

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Garren Sanchez

Laura Achee

From: Michelle Lackey <bl@raceak.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2026 4:30 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: SB 239 Support

Good afternoon -

I am writing to support SB 239 and encourage its advancement through the Senate Transportation Committee.

Right now, Alaska residents who legally import JDM vehicles under the federal 25-year rule are facing unnecessary barriers when trying to title and register them. Despite these vehicles being federally compliant and widely accepted in other states, Alaska's current process leaves too much room for inconsistent interpretation, resulting in denied registrations and stranded investments.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Michelle Lackey

Michelle Lackey
Lady Track Boss - Owner
Alaska Raceway Park
907.355.7223



Laura Achee

From: Richard Wall <uncwallrich@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2026 4:34 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: SB 239

SB 239

Japanese domestic market imported vehicles.

I am writing to support SB 239.

This is a common sense change that supports both individual rights and administrative consistency. I strongly urge you to support SB 239 and help move it forward.

Richard Wall

PO Box 1110

Sterling, AK 99672

907-598-5025

Laura Achee

From: Sen. Cathy Tilton
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2026 4:44 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Fw: SB239

FYI.

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From: Michelle Lackey <bl@raceak.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2026 4:10:46 PM
To: Sen. Cathy Tilton <Sen.Cathy.Tilton@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB239

Hi Cathy -

Thank you for sponsoring this bill. I just wanted to let you know I fully support it and if there is anything I can do to help, please let me know.

Thank you -

Michelle

Michelle Lackey
Lady Track Boss - Owner
Alaska Raceway Park
907.355.7223



Laura Achee

From: Daniel Fox <danielfox1990@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2026 4:45 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: SB239

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to support SB 239 and encourage its advancement through the Senate Transportation Committee. Right now, Alaska residents who legally import vehicles under the federal 25-year rule (in accordance with the Imported Vehicle Safety Compliance Act of 1988) are facing unnecessary barriers when trying to title and register them. Despite these vehicles being federally compliant and widely accepted in other states, Alaska's current process leaves too much room for inconsistent interpretation, resulting in denied registrations and stranded investments.

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Respectfully,

Daniel Fox

Laura Achee

From: Josh Bowen <joshbowen396@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2026 4:57 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: SB 239

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Josh Bowen

Laura Achee

From: Jacob Kilfoyle <kilfoylejacob@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2026 6:05 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Jacob Kilfoyle

SB 239

From: Zaccai Rosati
To: senate.transportation@akleg.gov
Date: March 21, 2026 at 02:15 AM UTC

I am writing to support SB 239 and encourage its advancement through the Senate Transportation Committee.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully, Zaccai Rosati

SB239

From: mr blue
To: "senate.transportation@akleg.gov"
Date: March 21, 2026 at 02:08 AM UTC

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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SB 239

From: William Stahlin
To: senate.transportation@akleg.gov
Date: March 20, 2026 at 08:39 PM AKDT

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for SB 239 and to urge the Senate Transportation Committee to move this bill forward.

Currently, many imported Japanese Domestic Market (JDM) vehicles that are fully legal under federal law—specifically the 25-year import rule—are still being denied titles and registration in Alaska, and almost no other state in the country has laws like this. This creates an unfair situation where Alaskans can legally purchase and own these vehicles, but are prevented from using them due to inconsistent or unclear state-level interpretation of equipment and compliance standards.

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I respectfully ask that you support SB 239 and take action to ensure this bill advances.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
William Maurice Stahlin
Girdwood Alaska

SB 239 Support

From: nelsa
To: senate.transportation@akleg.gov
Date: March 20, 2026 at 10:01 PM AKDT

To Whom It May Concern,

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Chanel

Support for SB 239

From: Jan Kairuz
To: senate.transportation@akleg.gov
Date: March 20, 2026 at 10:10 PM AKDT

To Whom It May Concern,

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jan Kairuz

Support for SB239

From: Nathan Clements
To: "senate.transportation@akleg.gov"
Date: March 20, 2026 at 11:11 PM AKDT

Hello!

I am writing to express my support for SB 239 and to urge the Senate Transportation Committee to move this bill forward.

Currently, imported Japanese Domestic Market vehicles that are fully legal under federal law are being denied normal titles and registration in Alaska. Most other states in the country do not have similar laws. This creates an unfair situation where Alaskans can legally purchase and own these vehicles, but are prevented from using them due to inconsistent or unclear state-level interpretation of equipment and compliance standards.

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Thanks,
Nathan Clements
nathan@contactnathan.com
Anchorage resident

SB 239 support

From: Adrian
To: senate.transportation@akleg.gov
Date: March 21, 2026 at 02:49 AM AKDT

Good day,

I am writing to support SB 239 and encourage its advancement through the Senate Transportation Committee.

Right now, Alaska residents, many whom are military and just finished a tour overseas and legally import JDM vehicles under the federal 25-year rule are facing unnecessary barriers when trying to title and register them. Despite these vehicles being federally compliant and widely accepted in other states, Alaska's current process leaves too much room for inconsistent interpretation, resulting in denied registrations and stranded investments.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
MSgt Adrian Guerra

(No Subject)

From: Matthew Machado
To: senate.transportation@akleg.gov
Date: March 21, 2026 at 07:07 PM AKDT

I am writing to support SB 239 and encourage its advancement through the Senate Transportation Committee.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Machado, Matthew

SB239

From: Brooks
To: senate.transportation@akleg.gov
Date: March 21, 2026 at 08:15 PM AKDT

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for SB 239 and to urge the Senate Transportation Committee to move this bill forward.

Currently, many imported Japanese Domestic Market (JDM) vehicles that are fully legal under federal law—specifically the 25-year import rule—are still being denied titles and registration in Alaska, and almost no other state in the country has laws like this. This creates an unfair situation where Alaskans can legally purchase and own these vehicles, but are prevented from using them due to inconsistent or unclear state-level interpretation of equipment and compliance standards.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Brooks LaBarre

Imported vehicle issues.

From: curt bolt
To: senate.transportation@akleg.gov
Date: March 21, 2026 at 08:27 PM AKDT

Greeting to all who may be able to help with this ordeal.

Currently i own 1 kei truck and about to own a second one. Its impossible for me to even talk to the DMV about getting it registered properly. I got documentaion and stickers of it being imported correctly and exempting them from the highway safety laws. Yet alaska archaic laws says no. It gots to be 1981 or older. We will NOT touch it. I asked them to send me the laws that outline this and they never did. Overall i found the laws and am upset over tge fact that the federal level laws are one way and our state is on a different level. I beg of you. Please lets change these laws to alogn woth the federal government level laws.

There are hundreds of thousands of dollars residents spend to be told no you cant drive that on our home roads. Despite them saying that they still will. Ideally this law should be updated to reflect the dreams and hopes of the residents that buy these vehicles instead of letting big car companys sway their opinion through multiple different forums, papers , laws even to limit imports so we will be forced to buy and use their products. Its absolutely abysmal that we get locked out of our dreams and efforts. Please hear the voices out here asking for help and dont let big car guys lock us into what they want.

Beliw is an excerpt i found on facebook asking for any and all to email the goverment about this current law yall are working on right now. Please hear and help us. I beg thee.

"Right now, even if a vehicle is 25+ years old and fully legal at the federal level, Alaska will still deny you a title and registration. People are spending real money on legally imported vehicles and then getting stuck with something they can't drive because of inconsistent and outdated state rules.

SB 239 fixes that. It aligns Alaska with federal law and creates a clear, consistent path to title and register JDM vehicles instead of leaving it up to interpretation."

Thank you for your efforts and time,
Curtis J Bolt

SB 239 Support

From: Derick Redieck
To: Senator.Robert.Myers@akleg.gov; senate.transportation@akleg.gov
Date: March 21, 2026 at 09:12 PM AKDT

Hello my name is Derick Redieck and I live your district, I am writing to ask you to please support and help pass SB239, it has a hearing this Wednesday in the transportation committee and it will be very beneficial for many people in Alaska! I am not sure if you are aware of this but vehicles from other countries not sold in America must be 25 years old to be exempt from NHSTA laws in America. Once a car is 25 years old it can be imported, driven and used in America, this is the case in every other state. But in 2006 the state passed some bills relating to the titling of cars, at the time the DMV wrote into their rules that cars manufactured before 1981 were exempt and legal in Alaska (25 years at that time) but they did not make it a rolling 25 year exemption. This was unknown and unenforced until last year, even though thousands of cars that meet this criteria were titled here for years. The DMV suddenly decided to stop issuing titles, registrations or renewals for these vehicles. SB 239 simply adopts a rolling 25 year exemption matching federal law and conforming to the laws of every other state except California. Please help get this passed and turned to law! We all love that Alaska has always been a stronghold of "free states" and this is nothing more than an overreach! Besides this, Alaska has some of the most relaxed automotive laws in the country such as no emissions testing and permanent tags, all things almost all of us think are great!

As a car enthusiast myself, I think this is of benefit to the local communities with in Alaska. The majority of members who elect to purchase these import vehicles from businesses within the lower 48 typical deal with shipping fees in the thousands of dollars, to later find out their car is not able to be registered.

In addition to this, the current registration regulations require imported vehicles to meet import regulations that were specific to importing vehicles that were under the 25 year exemption, typically within special considerations for show and display exemptions. This required all of these vehicles to be modified by a registered importer to meet compliance standards. The enactment of this to vehicles that should be exempt after 25 years of age makes the process even more difficult for members of Alaska. In my own research through the DOT website, Alaska currently has one Registered Import, located in Anchorage, with the ability to perform and certify said vehicles. This also drives additional maintenance for members in Alaska and excessive wait times based on the sole registered importer in Alaska.

I think if your team spent some time within the local car community, you would see that most members are only searching for a chance to own their “dream car” and to share that with the next generation of car enthusiasts.

Thank you so much for your time.

v/r

Derick Redieck

Please support

From: Nichole Snyder
To: "senate.transportation@akleg.gov"
Date: March 21, 2026 at 09:21 PM AKDT

Hello my name is Nichole and I live your district, I am writing to ask you to please support and help pass sb239, it has a hearing this Wednesday in the transportation committee and it will be very beneficial for many people in Alaska! Not sure if you are aware of this but cars from other country's not sold in America new must be 25 years old to be exempt from nhsta laws in America, therefor once a car is 25 years old it can be imported, driven and used in America, this is the case in every other state. But in 2006 the state passed some bills relating to the titling of cars, at the time the dmv put in their rules that cars manufactured before 1981 where exempt and legal in Alaska (25 years at that time) but they did not make it a rolling 25 year exemption, this was unknown and unenforced until last year, even though thousands of cars that meet this criteria where titled here for years, but the dmv suddenly decided to stop issuing titles, registrations or renewals for these vehicles. Sb239 simply adopts a rolling 25 year exemption matching federal law and conforming to the laws of every other state except California, please help get this passed and turned to law! We all love that Alaska has always been a stronghold of "free states" and this is nothing more than a overreach! Besides this Alaska has some of the most relaxed automotive laws in the country such as no emissions testing and permanent tags, all things almost all of us think are great!

Thank you so much for your time

Nichole

SB239

From: Mequilla Baker
To: senate.transportation@akleg.gov
Date: March 21, 2026 at 09:42 PM AKDT

Hello, my name is Mequilla Baker.

I am writing to ask you to please support and pass SB239, which has a hearing this Wednesday in the transportation committee, as it would be very beneficial for many people in Alaska.

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Thank you so much for your time.

Mequilla Baker

SB 239 - Vehicle Title and Registration Reform

From: tenorone1
To: "Senator.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov" ; "senate.transportation@akleg.gov" ;
"senator.robert.myers@akleg.gov"
Date: March 21, 2026 at 09:55 PM AKDT

Dear Senator Scott Kawasaki and Robert Myers

I am a Fairbanks resident and I am writing to express my strong support for SB 239, which aims to align Alaska's vehicle title and registration laws with federal regulations. As a constituent, I'm concerned about the current issues with importing and registering vehicles that are 25+ years old and federally compliant, but still denied title and registration in Alaska.

The current rules are inconsistent and outdated, causing problems for owners who have legally imported vehicles. SB 239 would fix this by creating a rolling 25-year exception, removing the outdated 1981 cutoff.

I urge you to support SB 239 and help make it easier for Alaskans to own and enjoy classic and imported vehicles.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,
Rob Inua

Sent from Proton Mail for iOS

SB239 HELP PASS!

From: Jack Mitchell
To: senate.transportation@akleg.gov; Senator.Robert.Myers@akleg.gov
Date: March 22, 2026 at 12:37 AM AKDT

Hello, my name is Jack Mitchell, and I live in your district. I am writing to ask you to please support and pass SB239, which has a hearing this Wednesday in the transportation committee, as it would be very beneficial for many people in Alaska. I'm not sure if you are aware of this, but cars from other countries not sold new in America must be 25 years old to be exempt from NHSTA laws in America. Once a car is 25 years old, it can be imported, driven, and used in America. This is the case in every other state. But in 2006 the state passed some bills relating to the titling of cars, at the time the DMV put in their rules that cars manufactured before 1981 were exempt and legal in Alaska (25 years at that time) but they did not make it a rolling 25 year exemption, this was unknown and unenforced until last year, even though thousands of cars that meet this criteria were titled here for years, the DMV suddenly decided to stop issuing titles, registrations or renewals for these vehicles. SB239 merely adopts a rolling 25-year exemption matching federal law and conforming to the laws of every other state except California. Please help get this passed and turned into law! We all love that Alaska has always been a stronghold of "free states", and this is nothing more than an overreach! Besides this, Alaska has some of the most relaxed automotive laws in the country, such as no emissions testing and permanent tags, all things that almost all of us think are great!

Thank you so much for your time.

V/R
Jack Mitchell

SB239

From: Frank Vizcaino
To: senate.transportation@akleg.gov
Date: March 22, 2026 at 08:15 AM AKDT

Hello, my name is Frankie Vizcaino , and I live in your district. I am writing to ask you to please support and pass SB239, which has a hearing this Wednesday in the transportation committee, as it would be very beneficial for many people in Alaska. I'm not sure if you are aware of this, but cars from other countries not sold new in America must be 25 years old to be exempt from NHSTA laws in America. Once a car is 25 years old, it can be imported, driven, and used in America. This is the case in every other state. But in 2006 the state passed some bills relating to the titling of cars, at the time the DMV put in their rules that cars manufactured before 1981 where exempt and legal in Alaska (25 years at that time) but they did not make it a rolling 25 year exemption, this was unknown and unenforced until last year, even though thousands of cars that meet this criteria where titled here for years, the DMV suddenly decided to stop issuing titles, registrations or renewals for these vehicles. SB239 merely adopts a rolling 25-year exemption matching federal law and conforming to the laws of every other state except California. Please help get this passed and turned into law! We all love that Alaska has always been a stronghold of "free states", and this is nothing more than an overreach! Besides this, Alaska has some of the most relaxed automotive laws in the country, such as no emissions testing and permanent tags, all things that almost all of us think are great!

Thank you so much for your time.

Frankie Vizcaino

SB239 support request

From: Walter Jones
To: "senate.transportation@akleg.gov"
Date: March 22, 2026 at 08:45 AM AKDT

Hello,

my name is Walter, and I live in your district. I am writing to ask you to please support and pass SB239, which has a hearing this Wednesday in the transportation committee, as it would be very beneficial for many people in Alaska. I'm not sure if you are aware of this, but cars from other countries not sold new in America must be 25 years old to be exempt from NHSTA laws in America. Once a car is 25 years old, it can be imported, driven, and used in America. This is the case in every other state. But in 2006 the state passed some bills relating to the titling of cars, at the time the DMV put in their rules that cars manufactured before 1981 were exempt and legal in Alaska (25 years at that time) but they did not make it a rolling 25 year exemption, this was unknown and unenforced until last year, even though thousands of cars that meet this criteria were titled here for years, the DMV suddenly decided to stop issuing titles, registrations or renewals for these vehicles. SB239 merely adopts a rolling 25-year exemption matching federal law and conforming to the laws of every other state except California. Please help get this passed and turned into law! We all love that Alaska has always been a stronghold of "free states", and this is nothing more than an overreach! Besides this, Alaska has some of the most relaxed automotive laws in the country, such as no emissions testing and permanent tags, all things that almost all of us think are great!

Thank you so much for your time,

Walter Jones

Please Support SB239

From: Justin Dunn
To: senate.transportation@akleg.gov; Senator.Forrest.Dunbar@akleg.gov;
Representative.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov
Date: March 22, 2026 at 11:59 AM AKDT

Hello,

My name is Justin Dunn, and I live in your district. I am writing to ask you to please support and pass SB239, which has a hearing this Wednesday in the transportation committee, as it would be beneficial for many Alaskan's who are automotive enthusiasts. I'm not sure if you are aware, but cars from other countries not sold new in America must be 25 years old to be exempt from NHSTA laws in America. Once a car is 25 years old, it can be imported, driven, and used in America. This is the case in every other state. But in 2006 the state passed some bills relating to the titling of cars, and at the time the DMV put in their rules that cars manufactured before 1981 were exempt and legal in Alaska (25 years at that time) but they did not make it a rolling 25 year exemption, this was unknown and unenforced until last year, even though thousands of cars that meet this criteria where titled here for years, the DMV made the decision to stop issuing titles, registrations or renewals for these vehicles. SB239 adopts a rolling 25-year exemption matching federal law and conforming to the laws of every other state except California. Please help get this passed and turned into law. We all love that Alaska has always been a stronghold of "free states", and this is nothing more than an unintentional overreach that can and should be corrected.

I understand that these emails may be repetitive - this bill also has an economic impact to small business that may not be visible. Many of the cars that fall into the timeframe that the DMV issued titles and registrations to cars that technically were not compliant, are unable to travel the road. This also prevents these cars from being serviced at Alaskan businesses, as they cannot be driven on the roadway for even maintenance. If the 25-year rolling exemption is implemented, more of these cars will be imported, expanding the service market and positively contributing to the local community.

Thank you so much for your time.

Justin Dunn

SB239 Support

From: Brian
To: senate.transportation@akleg.gov
Date: March 22, 2026 at 01:59 PM AKDT

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for SB 239 and to urge the Senate Transportation Committee to move this bill forward.

Currently, many imported Japanese Domestic Market (JDM) vehicles that are fully legal under federal law—specifically the 25-year import rule—are still being denied titles and registration in Alaska, and almost no other state in the country has laws like this. This creates an unfair situation where Alaskans can legally purchase and own these vehicles, but are prevented from using them due to inconsistent or unclear state-level interpretation of equipment and compliance standards.

SB 239 would correct this issue by aligning Alaska's policies with federal law and providing a clear, consistent path for titling and registering these vehicles. This is not about lowering safety standards—it's about applying reasonable, consistent rules that respect both federal guidelines and private property rights.

Alaskans should not be penalized for owning legally imported vehicles, and the current system creates unnecessary confusion for both residents and the DMV. Passing SB 239 would provide clarity, fairness, and a practical solution to a problem that has gone unresolved for too long.

I respectfully ask that you support SB 239 and take action to ensure this bill advances.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Brian E. Reed

Support for SB239, Vehicle Import Consistency for Alaska

From: Michael Huffman
To: ; ;
Date: March 22, 2026 at 02:27 PM AKDT

Dear fellow patriot,

My name is Michael Huffman, and I am an active duty service member stationed at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. I reside in your district and am writing to respectfully request your support for SB239, which is scheduled for a hearing this Wednesday in the Transportation Committee.

SB239 addresses a regulatory inconsistency that is currently impacting many Alaskans. Under federal law administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, vehicles that are 25 years or older are exempt from certain import restrictions and may be legally imported, registered, and operated in the United States. This rolling 25-year exemption is recognized in nearly every state.

In Alaska, however, regulatory language adopted in 2006 effectively fixed this exemption to vehicles manufactured prior to 1981, rather than maintaining alignment with the rolling federal standard. For years, this issue went largely unnoticed, and many qualifying vehicles were titled and registered without issue. More recently, enforcement practices changed, and the Division of Motor Vehicles began denying titles, registrations, and renewals for vehicles that would otherwise qualify under federal law.

SB239 provides a straightforward solution by aligning Alaska's rules with the federal 25-year rolling exemption and the approach used in nearly every other state. This change would restore consistency, provide clarity, and prevent further disruption for Alaskans who rely on these vehicles.

I respectfully urge you to support and advance of SB239.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Michael V. Huffman

Petition

From: byrdman456
To: senate.transportation@akleg.gov
Date: March 22, 2026 at 07:07 PM AKDT

Hello, my name is Conor Byrd , and I live in your district. I am writing to ask you to please support and pass SB239, which has a hearing this Wednesday in the transportation committee, as it would be very beneficial for many people in Alaska. I'm not sure if you are aware of this, but cars from other countries not sold new in America must be 25 years old to be exempt from NHSTA laws in America. Once a car is 25 years old, it can be imported, driven, and used in America. This is the case in every other state. But in 2006 the state passed some bills relating to the titling of cars, at the time the DMV put in their rules that cars manufactured before 1981 were exempt and legal in Alaska (25 years at that time) but they did not make it a rolling 25 year exemption, this was unknown and unenforced until last year, even though thousands of cars that meet this criteria were titled here for years, the DMV suddenly decided to stop issuing titles, registrations or renewals for these vehicles. SB239 merely adopts a rolling 25-year exemption matching federal law and conforming to the laws of every other state except California. Please help get this passed and turned into law! We all love that Alaska has always been a stronghold of "free states", and this is nothing more than an overreach! Besides this, Alaska has some of the most relaxed automotive laws in the country, such as no emissions testing and permanent tags, all things that almost all of us think are great!

Thank you so much for your time.

Conor Byrd

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SB 239 is very important.

From: G B
To: "senate.transportation@akleg.gov"
Date: March 22, 2026 at 07:45 PM AKDT

Hello,

Right now, even if a vehicle is 25+ years old and fully legal at the federal level, Alaska will still deny you a title and registration. People are spending real money on legally imported vehicles and then getting stuck with something they can't drive because of inconsistent and outdated state rules.

SB 239 fixes that. It aligns Alaska with federal law and creates a rolling 25 year exception, removing the current 1981 cut off from 2006(25 years).

Regards
Gerardo Bacod