

**SENATE BILL NO. 286**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 4/24/26

Referred: State Affairs, Transportation

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act establishing a toll for use of the James Dalton Highway by certain vehicles; and**  
2 **providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 19.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 19.40.215. James Dalton Highway toll.** (a) The portion of the James  
6 Dalton Highway between milepost 413 and milepost 415 near Deadhorse, Alaska, is  
7 designated as a toll road.

8 (b) Except as provided under (c) of this section, the department shall collect a  
9 toll for passage on the toll road by a vehicle that is transporting personnel or goods for  
10 use by an oil or gas developer, explorer, or producer. The department shall annually  
11 set toll rates so that the total amount of tolls collected approximately equals the  
12 portion of actual maintenance and repair costs for the highway caused by use of the  
13 highway by oil and gas developers, explorers, and producers.

14 (c) The department may not charge a toll for a vehicle that

1 (1) is engaged in transporting personnel or goods for use by the  
2 Alyeska Pipeline Service Company; or

3 (2) is not transporting personnel or goods for use by an oil or gas  
4 developer, explorer, or producer.

5 (d) An operator of a vehicle who pays a toll under this section while  
6 transporting personnel or goods for use by an oil or gas developer, explorer, or  
7 producer may request reimbursement of the toll from the developer, explorer, or  
8 producer. The oil or gas developer, explorer, or producer shall reimburse the operator  
9 within 30 days after the operator submits a request for reimbursement.

10 (e) An operator of a vehicle who pays a toll under this section may institute an  
11 action in the superior court if an oil or gas developer, explorer, or producer fails to  
12 reimburse the operator as provided under (d) of this section. If an operator bringing an  
13 action prevails, the operator is entitled to full reasonable attorney fees and costs.

14 (f) The department shall separately account for the revenue collected from the  
15 tolls under this section. The legislature may appropriate the revenue collected under  
16 this section to the department for maintaining and repairing the highway.

17 (g) In this section,

18 (1) "explorer" has the meaning given in AS 43.55.900;

19 (2) "producer" has the meaning given in AS 43.55.900.

20 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 37.05.146(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

21 (87) revenue collected from James Dalton Highway tolls  
22 (AS 19.40.215).

23 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2028.