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The Honorable Ashley Carrick
Co-Chair
House Transportation Committee

The Honorable Ted Eischeid
Co-Chair
House Transportation Committee

Re: Hearing Request for HB 71

Dear Committee Co-Chairs:

The Department of Law requests a committee hearing to be scheduled on HB 71, *"An Act relating to obstruction; and providing for an effective date"* at the House Transportation Committee's earliest convenience.

This bill establishes a new crime of obstruction of a public place and increases certain penalties for existing crimes of obstructing navigable waterways and airport runways. In addition, this bill creates a civil cause of action for obstruction of public places.

With this hearing request, please find attached the following documents:

- HB 71 (34-GH1378\A)
- Governor Dunleavy's Transmittal Letter
- HB 71 Sectional Analysis
- HB 71 Fiscal Note (0378-DPS-AST-01-24-25)
- Additional back-up documents

The primary testifier for this legislation will be Alaska Attorney General Treg Taylor. Additional invited testifiers may be added at a later date and will be communicated to the Co-Chairs in advance in writing.

If you should need any additional information, please contact Parker W. Patterson at (907) 465-3600 or law.legislation@alaska.gov.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this bill.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Governor's Legislative Office