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Sponsor Statement House Bill 18 An Act Relating to Race Classics

This bill is necessary for the eligibility of the Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce to obtain a race classic permit, as 'race classic' is so narrowly defined in statute, providing only for the Mount Marathon race classic held by the Seward Chamber of Commerce. The Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce also has an interest in obtaining a race classic permit for a human race, the Race to Alaska, which is a human-powered boat race beginning in Port Townsend, Washington, and ending in Ketchikan, Alaska.

The bill also expands the scope to allow other communities the opportunity to permit race classics.