

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



REPRESENTATIVE KYLE JOHANSEN  
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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

HB 100

*An Act relating to the Joseph C. Williams, Sr., Coastal Trail*

When the trail alongside the South Tongass Highway was named in honor of Joseph C. Williams by the 24<sup>th</sup> Alaska Legislature, the trail began at Ketchikan and ended at Saxman. The trail has since been lengthened and HB 100 will ensure that the entire trail be named the Joseph C. Williams Coastal Trail.

Joe was an advocate for the construction of a trail alongside the South Tongass Highway. Residents, for many years, have commonly walked alongside the highway with tragic results.

The trail has become a favorite for walking, jogging and bicycling used by visitors and locals. Set between the ocean and the highway, the Joseph C. Williams Coastal Trail is both scenic and historically important to the people of the Ketchikan area.

Joe's son William K. "Bill" Williams, while serving as a member of the Alaska House of Representatives, worked diligently to obtain funding for the construction of this trail.