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Cc:	Rep. Ted Eischeid; Rep. Ashley Carrick
Subject:	Re: Oppose HB 136, Support Fish Creek Trail Connection to Coastal Trail
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Thank you for your prompt reply. With all due respect, I remain very concerned with the impact of HB136 on the Fish Creek Trail Connection to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail. As currently written, the bill may result, whether intended or not, in killing this project. At a minimum, I believe the bill should be held in abeyance until this issue can be addressed.

Again, thank you for your prompt reply, and for your service to our state.

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Thank you for reaching out with your note on HB 136 concerning management of the Alaska Railroad easement. HB136 is not about a trail project.

HB136 affirms the rights of all property owners along the Alaska Railroad tracks to enjoy non-interfering use of their land that is covered by an easement held by the Alaska Railroad. The very nature of an easement is that it is a non-possessory interest in land that belongs to somebody else.

HB 136 safeguards non-interfering uses of residential lawns and gardens that over 1200 property owners currently enjoy along the right of way. Nearly every private property owner along the railroad tracks holds a homestead land patent or is a successor in interest to an original patent which reserved to the US government a right of way for railroad operations across their property.

The Alaska Railroad disagrees that they should allow a landowner non-interfering uses of the railroad easement and insists they can use the easement for any purpose, including non-railroad purposes, no matter the impact to the underlying landowner.

HB 136 balances the burden of the Railroad easement for railroad operations with the rights of underlying landowners.

Thank you again for writing.

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Subject: Oppose HB 136, Support Fish Creek Trail Connection to Coastal Trail

Good afternoon, I'm writing in opposition to HB 136 and in support of connecting the Fish Creek Trail to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail. I live near Campbell Lake and work downtown. I'm a year-round bike commuter. Finishing this trail connection would be a vast safety improvement for bicyclists and pedestrians alike. Thank you for your consideration.

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