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Senator Gary Stevens

Memo

To: Representative Bill Stolze and Representative Alan Austerman, Co-Chairs, House Finance Committee
From: Senator Gary Stevens
Date: 4/8/2013
Re: Committee Hearing Request for SB 24

I respectfully request a House Finance Committee hearing on Senate Bill 24, "An Act relating to the Alaska Marine Transportation Advisory Board." at your earliest convenience.

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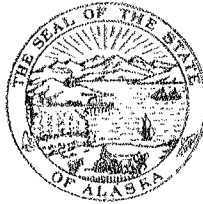
Doug Letch from my office is available to answer any questions you or your staff may have on the bill at 465-1283.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Sponsor Statement for Senate Bill 24

"An Act relating to the Alaska Marine Transportation Advisory Board"

Senate Bill 24 alters the makeup of the Alaska Marine Transportation Advisory Board (MTAB) by adding a twelfth seat designated for a representative from Southcentral Alaska (Homer, Kodiak, Old Harbor, Ouzinkie, Port Lions and Seldovia). The bill separates these communities from their current inclusion in the Southwest Alaska region MTAB designated seat, to create the new seat. The bill also adds Gustavus to the list of communities from which a person can be appointed to represent the northern Southeast Alaska district on the board.

Originally created by executive order in 2003, MTAB was set in statute in 2009. Among the board's functions are working with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities on a strategic plan related to the Alaska Marine Highway System's (AMHS) mission, objectives, initiatives and performance goals. MTAB meetings often serve as a forum for public comments regarding AMHS scheduling matters.

While not guaranteeing a position on the MTAB board to a resident of a particular Kodiak Island or Kachemak Bay community, it does afford them a better opportunity to have representation than currently available in the larger Southwest district. The addition of Gustavus to northern Southeast Alaska district will have the same effect. This is straightforward legislation intended to help communities who rely on AMHS service obtain a seat at the table and a chance for their voices to be heard. I urge your support of this legislation.

SENATE BILL NO. 24

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATORS STEVENS, Micciche

Introduced: 1/18/13

Referred: Transportation, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the Alaska Marine Transportation Advisory Board."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 19.65.120(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) The board consists of 12 [11] members appointed by the governor. Each
5 member must be a resident of the state. The board shall be composed of the following
6 members:

7 (1) one member who has a significant level of experience in the private
8 sector or local government, specializing in financing or economic development or
9 marketing, from each of the following districts:

10 (A) northern southeast Alaska, representing Haines, Juneau,
11 Gustavus, and Skagway;

12 (B) central southeast Alaska, representing Petersburg, Sitka,
13 and Wrangell;

14 (C) southeast Alaska, representing the cities of Angoon,
15 Hoonah, Kake, Pelican, and Tenakee Springs;

1 (D) the Prince William Sound and Kenai Peninsula areas,
 2 representing the cities of Cordova, Valdez, and Whittier, the City and Borough
 3 of Yakutat, and the communities of Chenega Bay and Tatitlek; [AND]

4 (E) southwest Alaska, representing the cities of Akutan,
 5 Chignik, Cold Bay, False Pass, [HOMER,] King Cove, [KODIAK, PORT
 6 LIONS,] Sand Point, [SELDOVIA,] and Unalaska, including Dutch Harbor;
 7 and

8 (F) southcentral Alaska, representing the cities of Old
 9 Harbor, Kodiak, Port Lions, Ouzinkie, Seldovia, and Homer;

10 (2) one retired marine captain or marine engineer who is not affiliated
 11 with the Alaska marine highway system;

12 (3) one representative, who may be retired, of a recognized union that
 13 represents employees of the Alaska marine highway system;

14 (4) one business owner who has experience interacting with the Alaska
 15 marine highway system;

16 (5) one travel agent or tourism specialist familiar with various Alaska
 17 marine highway reservation systems available to the public; and

18 (6) two members of the public at large.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 24
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: SB024-DOT-MVO-2-18-13
Title: MARINE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Sponsor: STEVENS
Requester: Senate Transportation Committee

Department: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
Appropriation: Marine Highway System
Allocation: Marine Vessel Operations
OMB Component Number: 2604

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2014 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2014	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Personal Services							
Travel	2.5		2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Services	0.5		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	3.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund	3.0		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Total	3.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No

If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

This is the initial version of the bill.

Prepared By: Connie McKenzie
Division: Office of the Commissioner
Approved By: Mary Siroky
Administrative Services Director

Phone: (907)465-4772
Date: 02/14/2013 04:15 PM
Date: 02/14/13

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB24

Analysis

The Marine Transportation Advisory Board (MTAB) currently consists of 11 members. The Legislature proposes adding one additional member to the MTAB to better address the needs of Southcentral Alaska. The cost increase per year is estimated as follows (In Thousands):

Travel	\$ 2.5
Services (telephone, meeting room rental)	.5
Total Per Year Increase	\$ 3.0



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Support

January 24, 2013

Senator Gary Stevens
State of Alaska 28th Legislature
State Capitol Room 429
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Senator Stevens,

The Kodiak Chamber of Commerce supports S.B. 24 – a bill expanding the Marine Transportation Advisory Board (MTAB) from 11 seats to 12, providing the Southcentral Region with an additional seat.

The Kodiak Chamber of Commerce's membership includes over 350 individuals, businesses and organizations throughout the Kodiak region. The Chamber promotes the development of a strong and diverse economy for the region. The Alaska Marine Highway system is a vital link in our economy, transporting people, goods and vehicles to and from the mainland and many communities throughout the region.

Currently, representation for western Alaska on the MTAB is covered by a Prince William Sound/Kenai Peninsula seat and a Southwest Alaska seat for 18 communities from Cordova to Dutch Harbor. The Chamber of Commerce supports the creation of an additional seat on the MTAB that would represent the Southern Kenai and Kodiak areas. These regions consist of 6 communities including: Kodiak, Homer, Seldovia, Port Lions, Ouzinkie, and Old Harbor. By adding one additional representative for this area, the state would have a total of three representatives for the 18 Western communities currently served by AMHS. This greater level of representation on the MTAB is vital for a better understanding of regional needs, and matching those needs with the outstanding service provided by the M/V Tustumena and M/V Kennicott.

We believe that the additional representation, provided by in S.B. 24, is vital to MTAB's responsiveness to our region. Understanding our region, coupled with AMHS service will provide us additional tools that will contribute to regional economic growth and development. We would like to encourage all State Senators and Representatives to vote for S.B. 24.

Yours in economic prosperity,

Lindsay Knight
President - Kodiak Chamber of Commerce

Dedicated to Kodiak's Economic Future



February 19, 2013

Senator Gary Stevens
State of Alaska 28th Legislature
State Capitol Room 429
Juneau, Ak 99801

Dear Senator Stevens,

The Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, representing over 500 businesses, individuals and organizations, would like to voice their support for S.B. 24 – a bill expanding the Marine Transportation Advisory Board from 11 to 12 seats and providing the Southcentral Region with an additional seat.

Our Chamber supports the creation of an additional set on the MTAB that would give representation to the Southern Kenai Peninsula and Kodiak areas. The ports and communities of Homer, Kodiak, Seldovia, Port Lions, Ouzinkie, and Old Harbor would all benefit and feel as though they have a voice on this very important board.

Understanding who we are, the ins and outs of our respective communities, and the importance of the Alaska Marine Highway to each of those communities is vital for us going forward. It will provide us with additional tools that will contribute to the economic growth and development of our entire region.

Respectfully,

Executive Director
Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

Doug Letch

From: ian41270@gmail.com on behalf of Seldovia Chamber <seldoviachamber@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 11:30 AM
To: Doug Letch
Subject: Re: SB 24

Hello Doug,

I wanted to let you know that the Seldovia Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously in support of SB24. This important measure would allow for better representation of communities who depend so heavily on the AMHS for their economic livelihood.

Sincerely,
Ian McGaughey
President, Seldovia Chamber of Commerce