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## House Bill 67 Sponsor Statement

### **Short Title: Product Warranties & Required Updates**

House Bill 67 would ensure that local dealers and distributors of heavy equipment, machinery, and tools used for construction, maintenance, resource development and similar activities are adequately compensated when providing required warranty service and manufacturer's required updates on the products they sell.

Alaska's remote locations, high shipping costs, transportation challenges, and harsh weather can result in high costs when delivering warranty and update services for a manufacturer's defective or deficient products, many of which are not reimbursed by the manufacturers who require them. These result in our local businesses or their customers absorbing expenses for shipping, transportation, and labor that should be paid by the company that manufactures the defective or deficient products, provides the warranty and requires the updates.

House Bill 67, modeled after existing state statute pertaining to boats and ATVs, provides clarity and certainty for the manufacturers and dealers that provide the equipment that keeps Alaska's construction, farm, forestry, snow removal, and resource extraction businesses running. House Bill 67 does not apply to vehicles licensed for road use, boats, and ATVs, which are covered by other law.

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