

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sponsor Statement House Bill 333

CSHB 333 (30-LS1297\D.A) - "An Act authorizing a municipality to adopt an ordinance prohibiting certain uses of cellular telephones while driving in school zones or on school property."

House Bill 333 is enabling legislation that authorizes a municipality to adopt an ordinance prohibiting certain uses of cellular telephones while driving a vehicle within a school zone or on school property. Additionally, it specifies that an ordinance adopted under this section may not prohibit hands-free use of cell phones for voice communications.

Our current statutes require that traffic laws be uniform across the state unless a municipality demonstrates a special problem. HB 333 removes the burden of individual municipalities having to demonstrate or defend their position that certain uses of cell phones while driving in school zones or on school property are dangerous, and instead allows local communities to make that determination.

I encourage your support on HB 333.