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## Representative Mark Neuman

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Representative Louise Stutes, Co-Chair, House Transportation Committee  
Representative Adam Wool, Co-Chair, House Transportation Committee

**Re: Request for Hearing, House Bill 23, "An Act Relating to Registration Fees for Snowmobiles and Off-Highway Vehicles"**

I respectfully request that House Bill 23 "An Act Relating to Registration Fees for Snowmobiles and Off Highway Vehicles" be scheduled for the House Transportation Committee at your earliest convenience.

House Bill 23 authorizes a change to registration fees for snowmobiles from the current biennial (two year) fee of \$10 to \$20, a four-year registration fee from \$20 to \$40, and a six-year registration fee of \$50.

There has not been an increase since the original enactment of snowmobile registration fees in 1998's HB 231, which establishes AS 28.39, Snowmobile (sic) registration and 28.39.020(a) authorizes the Department of Administration to register snowmobiles, and to collect the fees laid out in 28.10.421.

The snowmobile registration legislation was enacted to generate up to \$250,000 a year for the Snowmobile Trail Development Program, which is managed by the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, in coordination with the seven-member Snowmobile Trails Advisory Council (Snow TRAC).

The program is self-funded and fully-managed by users who pay the registration fees, requiring minimal administrative support from DPOR. Administrative expenses are paid from program receipts.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mark Neuman in blue ink.

Attached you will find:

1. House Bill 23, ver A, LS0267\A
2. House Bill 23, ver M, LS0267\M, Sponsor Substitute
3. House Bill 23, Sponsor Statement
4. House Bill 23, Sectional Analysis
5. House Bill 23, Supporting Documents
6. House Bill 23, Letters of Support
7. Fiscal Notes will be forthcoming

Please contact Bill Gamble, 465-2679, if you need any further information.