



March 3, 2020

RE: House Bill 273 – Support

House Transportation Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Chair Louise Stutes and members of the Transportation Committee:

Copart appreciates the opportunity to offer our comments on Alaska House Bill 273. Copart is a global leader in the salvage and auto auction industry and offers a range of services for processing vehicles and selling them over the internet through our online auction technology platform. Copart has a location in Anchorage and is proud to be a member of the Alaska business community.

We support this bill because we believe it will bring efficiency for the rare occasions when vehicles are abandoned and then are refused to be picked up by the vehicle owner. Abandonments impact Copart because we have vehicles assigned to our facility and occasionally the owner refuses to provide the title or even assist in any way to retrieve their vehicle.

While this does not happen with great frequency, when it does, we are currently required to store this vehicle for six months before processing. This is creating a buildup of automobiles on our property for a minimum of 180 days. This buildup is on expensive and hard to acquire real estate that essentially takes the property out of productive use for an extended time frame.



This bill reduces the amount of days to be reduced from six months to 45 days. It brings a reduced storage requirement which is like many other states while still protecting consumers with ample time to pick up their vehicles that they have abandoned at our yards.

We encourage the committee to vote to support this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments and an explanation for our position. If you need additional information, do not hesitate to reach out to me and I will be glad to assist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Binder". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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