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The Honorable Dan Ortiz Chair, House Finance Subcommittee State Capitol, Room 513 Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Ortiz:

In response to questions posed by the House Finance Subcommittee on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, the following information is provided:

1. When did the Inter-Island Ferry Authority (IFA) take over the Hollis route? Does the subsidy they receive go through DOT&PF or the Department of Administration?

The IFA began running this route in 2002. The subsidy for IFA is in the capital budget through the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development.

2. Requested analysis of AMHS demand and how demand is determined.

AMHS traffic history for the past five years can be found in our Annual Traffic Volume Reports at the following link: http://dot.alaska.gov/amhs/reports.shtml. The "Link Volume Summary" section provides data on routes, traffic counts, trips, and capacity utilization. This data, along with route revenue data is used to determine high demand routes to help maximize revenue. Although only five years are posted online, AMHS has these reports for each year back to 1982. That information can be provided if needed.

The presentation to the committee included the AMHS Fare Box Recovery Rate using inflation adjusted values. The enclosed graph lists the nominal values as discussed during the committee hearing.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 465-2956.

Sincerely,

Dom Pannone

Administrative Services Director

Enclosure

cc: House Finance Subcommittee Members

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