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### **Sectional Analysis for HB 63**

#### **Section 1:**

Titles the statute, Comprehensive long-range plan. Changes the name of the board from "Marine Transportation Advisory Board" (MTAB) to "Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board". It also changes the board's authority to update the Comprehensive Long-Range Plan from every five years to every three years.

#### **Section 2:**

Changes the name of the board from "Marine Transportation Advisory Board" (MTAB) to "Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board".

#### **Section 3:**

Repeals AS 19.65.120(a) and is reenacted to do the following:

- (a) Creates a nine-member board instead of twelve, each of who must be an Alaska resident.
  - (1) Adds a head of the division for the marine transportation board
  - (3) Adds three public members who have experience in marine business and procurement practices, marine personnel management, commercial service options, ship maintenance, construction, and repair, fleet strategy, reliability, and regulatory compliance, or risk management, appointed by the Governor.
  - (4) Adds two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
  - (5) Adds two members appointed by the President of the Senate

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**Section 5:**

Exempts the head of the division of marine transportation from being removed by the board for cause

**Section 6:**

Adds a new subsection to allow the board to provide in-depth advice and recommendations to the commissioner of transportation and public facilities.

**Section 7:**

Changes the definition of “transportation advisory” to “highway operations”.

**Section 8:**

Repeals AS 19.65.120(b)

**Section 9:**

Once this bill is enacted, this section directs the members of the Marine Transportation Advisory Board terms expire on the effective date of this Act and sets new terms for the members of the Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board.

**Section 10:**

Sets an effective date of January 1, 2022