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The Honorable Peter Micciche Senate President Alaska State Legislature State Capitol, Room 111 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Micciche:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill making the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) subject to the Executive Budget Act (AS 37.07) and providing that the expenditures of the ARRC are subject to legislative appropriation.

This bill requires the ARRC to comply with the Executive Budget Act similar to other public corporations and state agencies. This bill also requires that the ARRC be responsible for the operating, capital, and debt service expenditures of the corporation in accordance with appropriations made by the Legislature.

This bill increases the accounting and fee collection oversight by the legislature and the executive branch in relation to the operations of the ARRC, requiring it to engage in the same budgeting and accounting processes as other state agencies.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

Mike Dunleavy

Governor

Enclosure