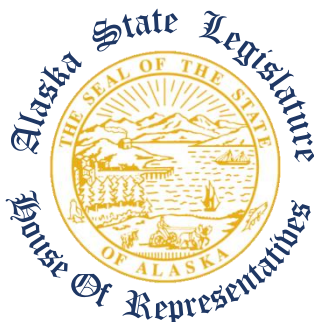


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### **Sponsor Statement**

*House Bill 296 - "An Act relating to program recipes; and relating to the acceptance of gifts, donations, and grants for the purpose of providing signage for assets under the control of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. ". "*

Part of the job of being a State Senator or a State Representative is to acknowledge those people, groups or organizations that have contributed to their community or state or country in a unique way that provides that recognition. One of the ways we do that is to name a geographic location, structure, event or even a bridge after those previously named entities through legislation.

When doing so, one of the most common points of discussion is the cost to name that structure. I have never seen one to vote on that doesn't have a fiscal note attached and that alone has caused a few legislators to vote no on the legislation.

HB 296 provide a mechanism for funding a commemorative name to a project by allowing receipt authority to the Department of Transportation so that the department can collect donations for signage. It does not require these costs to be paid by outside groups but instead helps to codify a process that will not be reliant on state funds.

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