

HOUSE BILL NO. 8

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROKEBERG

Introduced: 1/8/01

Referred: Transportation, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing the Legislative Road Development Task Force; and providing for**
2 **an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 LEGISLATIVE ROAD DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE. (a) There is established
7 in the legislative branch of state government the Legislative Road Development Task Force.
8 The task force shall consist of 11 voting members, as follows:

9 (1) one member designated by the Alaska Trucking Association, Inc.;

10 (2) one member designated by the International Union of Operating
11 Engineers, Local 302;

12 (3) one member designated by Teamsters Union Local 959;

13 (4) one member who is a civil engineer designated by the State Board of
14 Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors;

1 (5) one member designated by the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce;

2 (6) one member designated by the Associated General Contractors of Alaska;

3 (7) one member designated by the Alaska Miners Association;

4 (8) one member designated by the Alaska Federation of Natives;

5 (9) one public member jointly appointed by the President of the Senate and the
6 Speaker of the House of Representatives who resides in a rural area and is a member of the
7 Alaska Citizens Transportation Coalition;

8 (10) one member appointed by the President of the Senate from among the
9 members of the Senate;

10 (11) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
11 from among the members of the House of Representatives.

12 (b) The commissioner of transportation and public facilities or the commissioner's
13 designee and the commissioner of community and economic development or the
14 commissioner's designee shall serve as nonvoting members of the task force.

15 (c) The legislator members of the task force shall serve as co-chairs of the task force.
16 The staff of the legislator members of the task force shall serve as staff to the task force.

17 (d) The task force shall identify roads that are important to the future economic
18 development of the state, study the feasibility of developing or upgrading those roads in order
19 to promote the future economic development of the state, research existing plans to develop or
20 upgrade those roads, determine the availability and source of funds to develop or upgrade
21 those roads, and establish a priority ranking for projects to develop or upgrade roads identified
22 by the task force.

23 (e) The task force shall place particular emphasis on reviewing the following road
24 projects to determine whether the road projects should be identified as important to the future
25 economic development of the state:

26 (1) Williamsport Road from Iliamna Bay to Pile Bay;

27 (2) a road to the Pogo Mine;

28 (3) Rock Creek Road in the Nome area;

29 (4) a road to Tazlina Lake;

30 (5) a road from Wasilla to Bethel;

31 (6) a road from Wasilla to Tyonek;

- 1 (7) a road along the west shore of Cook Inlet;
- 2 (8) a road to Nome;
- 3 (9) a road to Cordova;
- 4 (10) a road to Ruby;
- 5 (11) a road to Fort Yukon;
- 6 (12) Donlin Creek Road;
- 7 (13) a road to Dillingham;
- 8 (14) a road around the northern end of Lake Iliamna;
- 9 (15) upgrading the Dalton Highway;
- 10 (16) a road from Rampart to Eureka;
- 11 (17) a road from Ruby to McGrath;
- 12 (18) a road from Healy to the Richardson Highway;
- 13 (19) a road from Ruby to Takotna;
- 14 (20) a road from Takotna to Flat to Crooked Creek;
- 15 (21) Tonsina North Access Road;
- 16 (22) a road from Juneau to Atlin, British Columbia.

17 (f) The task force shall meet as frequently as its members determine necessary to
 18 perform its work. The task force may meet and vote by teleconference.

19 (g) The members of the task force appointed under (a)(1) - (9) of this section are not
 20 eligible for compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized for
 21 boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.

22 (h) The task force shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to
 23 the legislature and the governor before the Second Regular Session of the Twenty-Second
 24 Alaska State Legislature convenes.

25 * **Sec. 2.** This Act is repealed on the first legislative day of the Second Regular Session of
 26 the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature.

27 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).