

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE STANDING COMMITTEE**

May 6, 2004

1:30 p.m.

**TAPE(S) 04-39**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Senator Con Bunde, Chair  
Senator Ralph Seekins, Vice Chair  
Senator Gary Stevens  
Senator Bettye Davis

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Senator Hollis French

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 474(JUD) am  
"An Act relating to civil liability associated with aircraft  
runways, airfields, and landing areas."

MOVED CSHB 474(JUD) am OUT OF COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: HB 474

SHORT TITLE: LIABILITY FOR AIRPORTS AND AIRSTRIPS

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) HOLM

02/16/04	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/16/04	(H)	JUD
03/26/04	(H)	JUD AT 1:00 PM CAPITOL 120
03/26/04	(H)	Heard & Held
03/26/04	(H)	MINUTE(JUD)
03/29/04	(H)	JUD AT 1:00 PM CAPITOL 120
03/29/04	(H)	Bill Postponed To 3/30/04
03/30/04	(H)	JUD AT 1:00 PM CAPITOL 120
03/30/04	(H)	Scheduled But Not Heard
03/31/04	(H)	JUD AT 1:00 PM CAPITOL 120
03/31/04	(H)	Moved CSHB 474(JUD) Out of Committee
03/31/04	(H)	MINUTE(JUD)
04/05/04	(H)	JUD RPT CS(JUD) 4DP 1DNP 1NR
04/05/04	(H)	DP: SAMUELS, HOLM, OGG, MCGUIRE;
04/05/04	(H)	DNP: GARA; NR: GRUENBERG
04/28/04	(H)	MOVED TO BOTTOM OF CALENDAR

04/28/04 (H) NOT TAKEN UP 4/28 - ON 4/29 CALENDAR  
04/29/04 (H) TRANSMITTED TO (S)  
04/29/04 (H) VERSION: CSHB 474(JUD) AM  
05/01/04 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS  
05/01/04 (S) L&C  
05/06/04 (S) L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 211

**WITNESS REGISTER**

Mr. Todd Larkin  
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**POSITION STATEMENT:** Commented on HB 474 for the sponsor.

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

**TAPE 04-39, SIDE A**

^#HB474

**CSHB 474(JUD) am-LIABILITY FOR AIRPORTS AND AIRSTRIPS**

**CHAIR CON BUNDE** called the Senate Labor and Commerce Standing Committee meeting to order at 1:50 p.m. Present were Senators Gary Stevens, Ralph Seekins, Bettye Davis and Chair Con Bunde. The first order of business to come before the committee was CSHB 474(JUD) am.

MR. TODD LARKIN, staff to Representative Jim Holm, sponsor, said HB 474 clarifies statute by removing the word "natural" before "individual" that currently only protects individuals who operate and maintain airstrips without compensation. By deleting "natural" it will include groups, organizations and corporate neighbors also as long as they don't receive compensation.

CHAIR BUNDE noted that this is a good neighbor bill.

SENATOR GARY STEVENS asked what happens when the X on the runway is covered up by snow in relation to language on page 2, line 6.

MR. LARKIN said that change was requested by pilots who referenced Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines for marking airstrips.

SENATOR SEEKINS said he had a companion bill to this one and explained that FAA guidelines say if an X is there, it can be

covered up with snow; but if a person closes his strip, he can't use it either and the FAA has to be notified of the closure.

SENATOR SEEKINS moved to pass CSHB 474(JUD) am from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note. Senators Gary Stevens, Davis, Seekins and Chair Bunde voted yea and CSHB 474(JUD) am moved from committee.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, CHAIR BUNDE adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.