

HOUSE BILL NO. 302

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TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the public's right to know certain information relating to water**
2 **pollution, and requiring the Department of Environmental Conservation to collect and**
3 **make available that information to the public."**

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

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

7 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. (a) It is the intent of the legislature that this Act ensure that
8 the people of Alaska have the right to know the amount and nature of pollutants,
9 contaminants, and waste discharged under permit into Alaska waters.

10 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that this Act does not apply to permits issued for
11 streambed disturbance, water turbidity, and private sewer systems.

12 * **Sec. 2.** AS 46.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 **Sec. 46.03.026. Information to be collected and made available by the**
14 **department.** (a) The department shall require an annual report from a person for

1 whom the department authorizes a mixing zone under AS 46.03.100 - 46.03.120.

2 (b) The report required under (a) of this section must be in a form prescribed
3 by the department and contain

4 (1) the amount, nature, and description of the pollutant, contaminant,
5 or waste;

6 (2) the location, type, and duration of the permitted activity; and

7 (3) other information the department may require.

8 (c) The department shall annually compile information collected under this
9 section and make the information reported under (b) of this section available to the
10 public on the department's Internet website.

11 (d) This section does not apply to information about streambed disturbance or
12 water turbidity levels, or private sewage systems.

13 (e) In this section, "mixing zone" means a volume of water adjacent to a
14 discharge in which discharged waste mixes with the receiving water.