

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 314(TRA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/2/08

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act providing for and relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds for the**
2 **purpose of paying the cost of state transportation projects; and providing for an**
3 **effective date."**

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 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. For the purpose of paying the cost of design and
8 construction of state transportation projects, general obligation bonds of the state in the
9 principal amount of not more than \$170,000,000, if ratified by a majority of the qualified
10 voters of the state who vote on the question, shall be issued and sold. The full faith, credit,
11 and resources of the state are pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest and
12 redemption premium, if any, on the bonds. The bonds shall be issued under the provisions of
13 AS 37.15 as those provisions read at the time of issuance.

14 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

1 read:

2 2008 TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND. If the issuance of the bonds is ratified
3 by a majority of the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, a special fund of
4 the state to be known as the "2008 transportation project fund" shall be established, to which
5 shall be credited the proceeds of the sale of the bonds described in sec. 1 of this Act except for
6 the accrued interest and premiums.

7 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
8 read:

9 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES. The amount
10 of \$151,100,000 is appropriated from the 2008 transportation project fund to the Department
11 of Transportation and Public Facilities to be allocated among the following projects in the
12 amounts listed subject to reallocation between projects in accordance with AS 37.07.080(e):

13 PROJECT	AMOUNT
14 Gravina Access	\$45,000,000
15 Anchorage: Connect Anchorage	22,100,000
16 Project (Dowling Road - Old	
17 Seward Highway to Minnesota	
18 Drive)	
19 Anchorage: Connect Anchorage	2,000,000
20 Study (Northern Access to	
21 University Medical District Study)	
22 Dalton Highway Improvements	14,000,000
23 Kenai Borough Road Projects	8,000,000
24 Nome: Snake River Bridge Replacement	10,000,000
25 Parks Highway: Weight Restriction Elimination	15,000,000
26 Seward Highway: Windy Corner Safety	20,000,000
27 Improvements	
28 Steese Highway/Johansen Expressway	15,000,000
29 Area Traffic Improvements	

30 * **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
31 read:

1 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC
2 DEVELOPMENT. The amount of \$10,000,000 is appropriated from the 2008 transportation
3 project fund to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to be
4 awarded as a grant under AS 37.05.315 to the Municipality of Anchorage for expansion of the
5 Port of Anchorage.

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

8 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. The amount of \$8,900,000 is
9 appropriated from the 2008 transportation project fund to the Department of Natural
10 Resources for the South Denali Access Road design and construction project.

11 * **Sec. 6.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
12 read:

13 STATE BOND COMMITTEE. If the issuance of the bonds is ratified by a majority of
14 the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, the amount of \$850,000 or as much
15 of that amount as is found necessary is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
16 state bond committee to carry out the provisions of this Act and to pay expenses incident to
17 the sale and issuance of the bonds authorized in this Act. The amounts expended from the
18 appropriation authorized by this section shall be reimbursed to the general fund from the
19 proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized by this Act.

20 * **Sec. 7.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
21 read:

22 ADVANCE PLANNING. The amount withdrawn from the public facility planning
23 fund (AS 35.10.135) for the purpose of advance planning for the capital improvements
24 financed under this Act shall be reimbursed to the fund from the proceeds of the sale of bonds
25 authorized by this Act.

26 * **Sec. 8.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
27 read:

28 LAPSE; REDEMPTION; REIMBURSEMENT. The unexpended and unobligated
29 balances of the appropriations made in secs. 3 - 5 of this Act lapse under AS 37.25.020 and
30 are appropriated to the state bond committee to redeem bonds sold under this Act. The
31 amounts expended from the general fund to pay the principal, interest, and redemption

1 premium on bonds issued under this Act shall be reimbursed to the general fund from the
2 appropriation made under this section to the extent that the money is not needed to redeem the
3 bonds.

4 * **Sec. 9.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
5 read:

6 **BALLOT QUESTION.** The question whether the bonds authorized in this Act are to
7 be issued shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state at the next general election and
8 shall read substantially as follows:

9 **PROPOSITION**

10 State General Obligation \$170,000,000

11 Transportation Project Bonds

12 Shall the State of Alaska issue its general obligation bonds in
13 the principal amount of not more than \$170,000,000 for the
14 purpose of paying the cost of state transportation projects?

15 Bonds Yes []

16 Bonds No []

17 * **Sec. 10.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).