

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 314(FIN)

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TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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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 \$220,600,000, 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 \$196,600,000 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 Anchorage: Connect Anchorage	\$22,100,000
15 Project (Dowling Road - Old	
16 Seward Highway to Minnesota	
17 Drive)	
18 Dalton Highway Improvements	14,000,000
19 Kenai Peninsula Borough Road Projects	8,000,000
20 Nome: Snake River Bridge Replacement	10,000,000
21 Parks Highway: Weight Restriction Elimination	15,000,000
22 Seward Highway: Windy Corner Safety	20,000,000
23 Improvements	
24 Steese Highway/Johansen Expressway	15,000,000
25 Area Traffic Improvements	
26 Sterling Highway: Mackey Lake Road to Sterling	11,000,000
27 Pavement Rehabilitation	
28 Glenn Highway: MP 181 to 189 Tolsona Lake Road to	13,000,000
29 Richardson Highway Junction Rehabilitate and	
30 Resurface, including Bikeway	
31 Mertarvik: Access Road, Evacuation Center and	3,300,000

1	Barge Staging Area Construction	
2	Kivalina: Community Roads Protection	3,300,000
3	Craig-Klawock-Hollis Highway: Resurfacing of Craig-	4,800,000
4	Klawock Section	
5	Copper River Highway: Mile 38 - 43 Highway Protection	5,100,000
6	Ketchikan Gateway Borough: Harriet Hunt Lake to	10,000,000
7	Shelter Cove, Road Construction	
8	Matanuska-Susitna Borough: Fairview Loop Road	22,000,000
9	Reconstruction	
10	Statewide: Emergency Bridge Repair	20,000,000

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

13 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC
14 DEVELOPMENT. (a) The amount of \$10,000,000 is appropriated from the 2008
15 transportation project fund to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic
16 Development to be awarded as a grant under AS 37.05.315 to the Municipality of Anchorage
17 for expansion of the Port of Anchorage.

18 (b) The amount of \$14,000,000 is appropriated from the 2008 transportation project
19 fund to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to be
20 awarded as a grant under AS 37.05.315 to the Municipality of Anchorage for the Victor Road-
21 Dimond Boulevard to 100th Avenue upgrade.

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

24 STATE BOND COMMITTEE. If the issuance of the bonds is ratified by a majority of
25 the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, the amount of \$1,103,000 or as
26 much of that amount as is found necessary is appropriated from the general fund of the state
27 to the state bond committee to carry out the provisions of this Act and to pay expenses
28 incident to the sale and issuance of the bonds authorized in this Act. The amounts expended
29 from the appropriation authorized by this section shall be reimbursed to the general fund from
30 the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized by this Act.

31 * **Sec. 6.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

1 read:

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

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

8 LAPSE; REDEMPTION; REIMBURSEMENT. The unexpended and unobligated
 9 balances of the appropriations made in secs. 3 and 4 of this Act lapse under AS 37.25.020 and
 10 are appropriated to the state bond committee to redeem bonds sold under this Act. The
 11 amounts expended from the general fund to pay the principal, interest, and redemption
 12 premium on bonds issued under this Act shall be reimbursed to the general fund from the
 13 appropriation made under this section to the extent that the money is not needed to redeem the
 14 bonds.

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

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

20 PROPOSITION

21 State General Obligation \$220,600,000

22 Transportation Project Bonds

23 Shall the State of Alaska issue its general obligation bonds in
 24 the principal amount of not more than \$220,600,000 for the
 25 purpose of paying the cost of state transportation projects?

26 Bonds Yes []

27 Bonds No []

28 * **Sec. 9.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).