

**SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 314(FIN)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/11/08

Referred: Rules

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 \$315,050,000, 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 \$271,700,000 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 Sawmill Creek Road Upgrade Phase III	\$10,800,000
15 with Separated Pedestrian Path -	
16 Whale Park to Sawmill Creek	
17 Mitkof Highway - Scow Bay to Crystal Lake	7,000,000
18 Hatchery Road: Pavement Rehabilitation	
19 and Drainage Improvements	
20 Glacier Highway - Back Loop Road:	5,000,000
21 Intersection Safety Improvements	
22 North Tongass Highway - Ward Cove	8,900,000
23 to Refuge Cove: Pavement Rehabilitation	
24 and Drainage Improvements	
25 Aleknagik - Wood River Bridge	20,000,000
26 Fairbanks - University Avenue Widening	30,000,000
27 Anchorage: Connect Anchorage	22,100,000
28 Project (Dowling Road - Old	
29 Seward Highway to Minnesota	
30 Drive)	
31 Dalton Highway Improvements	14,000,000

1	Kenai Peninsula Borough Road Projects	8,000,000
2	Nome: Snake River Bridge Replacement	10,000,000
3	Parks Highway: Weight Restriction Elimination	15,000,000
4	Seward Highway: Windy Corner Safety	20,000,000
5	Improvements	
6	Steese Highway/Johansen Expressway	15,000,000
7	Area Traffic Improvements	
8	Sterling Highway: Mackey Lake Road to Sterling	11,000,000
9	Rehabilitation	
10	Glenn Highway: MP 181 to 189 Tolsona Lake Road to	13,000,000
11	Richardson Highway Junction Rehabilitate and	
12	Resurface, including Bikeway	
13	Craig-Klawock Highway: Resurfacing of Craig-	4,800,000
14	Klawock Section	
15	Copper River Highway: Mile 38 - 43 Highway Protection	5,100,000
16	Ketchikan: Harriet Hunt Lake to Shelter Cove,	10,000,000
17	Road Construction	
18	Fairview Loop Road Reconstruction	22,000,000
19	Statewide: Emergency Bridge Repair	20,000,000

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

22 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC  
23 DEVELOPMENT. The amount of \$43,350,000 is appropriated from the 2008 transportation  
24 project fund to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to be  
25 awarded as grants under AS 37.05.315 to recipients for projects as follows:

26	RECIPIENT	PROJECT	AMOUNT
27	Municipality of Anchorage	Expansion of the	\$10,000,000
28		Port of Anchorage	
29	Municipality of Anchorage	Victor Road - Dimond	14,000,000
30		Boulevard to 100th	
31		Avenue upgrade	

1	City of Wrangell	Heritage Harbor reconstruction	5,000,000
2		phase II	
3	City of Bethel	Road repairs and upgrades	2,500,000
4	Kodiak Island Borough	Road service area	2,500,000
5		rehabilitation and paving	
6	City of Ouzinkie	Dock replacement	2,850,000
7	City of Old Harbor	Dock replacement	4,000,000
8	City of Emmonak	Road improvements	2,500,000

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

11 STATE BOND COMMITTEE. If the issuance of the bonds is ratified by a majority of  
12 the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, the amount of \$1,575,250 or as  
13 much of that amount as is found necessary is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
14 to the state bond committee to carry out the provisions of this Act and to pay expenses  
15 incident to the sale and issuance of the bonds authorized in this Act. The amounts expended  
16 from the appropriation authorized by this section shall be reimbursed to the general fund from  
17 the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized by this Act.

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

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

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

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

1 bonds.

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

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

7 **PROPOSITION**

8 State General Obligation \$315,050,000

9 Transportation Project Bonds

10 Shall the State of Alaska issue its general obligation bonds in  
11 the principal amount of not more than \$315,050,000 for the  
12 purpose of paying the cost of state transportation projects?

13 Bonds Yes [ ]

14 Bonds No [ ]

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