

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE

January 30, 2018

3:29 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Click Bishop, Chair
Senator Anna MacKinnon
Senator Lyman Hoffman
Senator Bert Stedman
Senator Berta Gardner

MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 125

"An Act relating to the financing and issuance of bonds for a liquefied natural gas production system and natural gas distribution system; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED CSSB 125(CRA) OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 125

SHORT TITLE: EXTEND BOND AUTH FOR INTERIOR ENERGY PROJ

SPONSOR(S): SENATOR(S) KELLY

01/16/18	(S)	PREFILE RELEASED 1/8/18
01/16/18	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/16/18	(S)	CRA, FIN
01/25/18	(S)	CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
01/25/18	(S)	Heard & Held
01/25/18	(S)	MINUTE(CRA)
01/30/18	(S)	CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

WITNESS REGISTER

BRYCE WARD, Mayor
City of North Pole, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Supported SB 125.

JIM MATHERLY, Mayor
City of Fairbanks, Alaska
POSITION STATEMENT: Supported SB 125.

JON COOK, CFO
Airport Equipment Rentals, Inc.
Fairbanks, Alaska
POSITION STATEMENT: Supported SB 125.

KARL KASSEL, Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough
Fairbanks, Alaska
POSITION STATEMENT: Supported SB 125.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR CLICK BISHOP called the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 3:29 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Stedman, Gardner, Hoffman, MacKinnon, and Chair Bishop.

SB 125-EXTEND BOND AUTH FOR INTERIOR ENERGY PROJ

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CHAIR BISHOP announced consideration of SB 125. [CSSB 125, version 30-LS1004\A, was before the committee.]

SENATOR STEDMAN moved to adopt CSSB 125(CRA), version 30-LS1004\O, for discussion purposes. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

CHAIR BISHOP, finding no discussion from committee members, opened public testimony.

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BRYCE WARD, Mayor, City of North Pole, Alaska, supported SB 125 saying this project will provide better air quality and a stable energy supply for the Interior.

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JIM MATHERLY, Mayor, City of Fairbanks, Alaska, supported Mayor Ward's comments in support of SB 125. Last night, he said Resolution 4823 supporting the bonding extension was passed

unanimously by the City Council. This project is better for the long term goals for affordable energy for the Interior and air quality.

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JON COOK, CFO, Airport Equipment Rentals, Inc, Fairbanks, Alaska, supported SB 125. In addition to the benefits it will provide to their operations business of equipment rentals, they are one of the larger real estate development companies in Fairbanks, and a reliable supply of natural gas would make it possible for Fairbanks to have more big box retail stores. These box stores would provide affordable goods and jobs for people in Fairbanks.

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KARL KASSEL, Mayor, Fairbanks North Star Borough, Fairbanks, Alaska, supported SB 125. He echoed previous comments and said this is very important for their community.

CHAIR BISHOP, finding no further comments, closed public testimony. He reported that this past weekend he was in Fairbanks and went by the south Fairbanks storage facility and was happy to report that the project looks to be progressing well.

SENATOR STEDMAN moved to report CSSB 125(CRA) from committee with individual recommendations and attached zero fiscal note. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

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CHAIR BISHOP, finding no further business, adjourned the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee meeting at 3:37 p.m.