

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**SENATE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

March 6, 2018

1:31 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Senator Bert Stedman, Chair  
Senator David Wilson  
Senator Dennis Egan

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Senator Anna MacKinnon  
Senator Click Bishop

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

SENATE BILL NO. 163

"An Act relating to commercial motor vehicles."

- MOVED SB 163 OUT OF COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: SB 163

SHORT TITLE: DEFINITION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES

SPONSOR(S): RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

01/26/18	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/26/18	(S)	TRA, STA
03/01/18	(S)	TRA AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
03/01/18	(S)	Heard & Held
03/01/18	(S)	MINUTE(TRA)

**WITNESS REGISTER**

DAN SMITH, Director  
Division of Measurement Standards and Commercial Vehicle  
Enforcement  
Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Provided a summary of SB 163.

## **ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CHAIR BERT STEDMAN** called the Senate Transportation Standing Committee meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Wilson, Egan, and Chair Stedman.

### **SB 163-DEFINITION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES**

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**CHAIR STEDMAN** announced the consideration of SB 163.

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**DAN SMITH**, Director, Division of Measurement Standards and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Juneau, Alaska, summarized SB 163 as follows:

The main portion of this bill changes the rules for farmers operating farm vehicles away from their farms. The present law requires that after 150 miles from their farm, then we would regulate them as a motor carrier of either property, HazMat, whatever the case may be. This rule would allow them to operate anywhere in the state and in a big state like Alaska where we have operations from Point MacKenzie up to Delta, that's a long way to go and this would provide some relief from regulations for drivers of those farm vehicles.

**SENATOR WILSON** asked if the continuous-driving limitations for commercial drivers would apply to the drivers of farm vehicles.

**MR. SMITH** replied that farmers would be exempt.

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**SENATOR EGAN** moved to report SB 163, [version: 30-GS2597\A], from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note.

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**CHAIR STEDMAN** announced that there being no objection, the motion carried.

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There being no further business to come before the committee,  
Chair Stedman adjourned the Senate Transportation Committee at  
1:34 p.m.