

HOUSE BILL NO. 337

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE RUFFRIDGE

Introduced: 2/23/26

Referred: House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs, State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act extending the governor's October 9, 2025, declaration of a disaster emergency**
2 **in response to the 2025 West Coast Storm; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

7 (1) on October 9, 2025, the governor declared a disaster emergency, following
8 the 2025 West Coast Storm;

9 (2) the condition of the disaster emergency was extended in November of
10 2025, December of 2025, and January of 2026, with the disaster emergency expiring on
11 February 6, 2026;

12 (3) the effects of the storm remains severe, and infrastructure systems from the
13 original storm, as well as ongoing emergency actions, are necessary to respond to those
14 effects;

1 (4) under AS 26.23.020(c), "[a] proclamation of disaster emergency may not
2 remain in effect longer than 30 days unless extended by the legislature by a concurrent
3 resolution"; and

4 (5) an additional extension will allow agencies to continue the agencies'
5 emergency response to meet the disaster.

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

8 WEST COAST STORM DISASTER EMERGENCY: APPROVAL,
9 RATIFICATION, AND EXTENSION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY. (a) The declarations
10 of a disaster emergency for the 2025 West Coast Storm issued by the governor in November
11 of 2025, December of 2025, and January of 2026, are approved and ratified.

12 (b) Under AS 26.23.020(c), the Alaska State Legislature extends the October 9, 2025,
13 disaster emergency declared by the governor for the 2025 West Coast Storm until March 8,
14 2026.

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

17 RETROACTIVITY. Section 2(b) of this Act is retroactive to February 6, 2026.

18 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).