

HOUSE BILL NO. 346

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLLAND

Introduced: 2/23/26

Referred: Transportation, Community and Regional Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to municipal zoning around airports; and relating to buffers between**
2 **airports and nonindustrial property."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 35.30.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (b) The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities shall, when
6 exercising its police power under AS 02.25.020, comply with local planning and
7 zoning ordinances and other regulations that require vegetative or constructed buffers
8 between an airport and adjacent nonindustrial property unless complying with the
9 local ordinance or regulation would create a hazard to aircraft. The Department of
10 Transportation and Public Facilities may only reduce or remove an existing buffer in a
11 designated buffer zone between an airport and adjacent nonindustrial property if the
12 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

13 (1) determines that reduction or removal of the buffer is necessary to
14 eliminate a direct and immediate safety hazard;

- 1 (2) provides for public notice and an opportunity to comment before
2 reducing or removing the buffer; and
- 3 (3) implements additional mitigation measures to minimize the adverse
4 effects associated with reducing or removing the buffer, including establishing a new
5 buffer if practicable.