

SENATE BILL NO. 47

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR GIESSEL

Introduced: 1/22/25

Referred: Transportation, Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to Chugach State Park; and providing for an effective date."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 41.21.122 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 41.21.122. Management responsibility. Except as provided by (b) and**
5 **(c) of this section, control, development, and maintenance of** [THE] state land and
6 water described in AS 41.21.121 as the Chugach State Park **and control of highway**
7 **access and roadside structures within the park** is assigned to the department [FOR
8 CONTROL, DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE, EXCEPT THAT THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES IS
10 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL EXISTING
11 PUBLIC ROADS WITHIN THE PARK. THE CONTROL OF HIGHWAY ACCESS
12 AND ROADSIDE STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CHUGACH STATE PARK IS
13 THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT]. The Department of Fish and
14 Game shall cooperate with the department to provide for those purposes under
15 AS 41.21.121 relevant to the duties of the Department of Fish and Game. If, in the

exercise of management responsibility under this section, conflicts of land ownership, jurisdiction, or authority are unreconcilable or unmanageable other than at an unreasonable cost and expense to the state, the commissioner, after public hearing in accordance with AS 44.62, may modify, subject to the approval of the legislature, the boundaries of the Chugach State Park, not to exceed 20 percent of the total acreage described in AS 41.21.121.

* **Sec. 2.** AS 41.21.122 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(b) The department may grant an easement or right-of-way within the Chugach State Park to a municipality if

(1) the department provides notice of the proposed grant in the manner provided by AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and conducts at least one hearing in accordance with the provisions of AS 44.62.210; and

(2) the commissioner finds that granting the easement or right-of-way

(A) will improve, facilitate, or maintain public access to the park; and

(B) is in the public interest.

(c) The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities shall repair and maintain existing public roads within the Chugach State Park except for repairs and maintenance performed by a municipality under (b) of this section.

* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2025.