

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

March 25, 2025

1:32 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative Ashley Carrick, Co-Chair  
Representative Ted Eischeid, Co-Chair  
Representative Genevieve Mina  
Representative Kevin McCabe  
Representative Cathy Tilton  
Representative Elexie Moore

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Representative Louise Stutes

**OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT**

Senator Cathy Giessel  
Representative Ky Holland

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 47 (RES)

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

- HEARD & HELD

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: SB 47

SHORT TITLE: CHUGACH STATE PARK EASEMENTS

SPONSOR(s): SENATOR(s) GIESSEL

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| 01/17/25 | (S) | PREFILE RELEASED 1/17/25        |
| 01/22/25 | (S) | READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS |
| 01/22/25 | (S) | TRA, RES                        |
| 02/04/25 | (S) | TRA AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205    |
| 02/04/25 | (S) | Heard & Held                    |
| 02/04/25 | (S) | MINUTE (TRA)                    |
| 02/11/25 | (S) | TRA AT 1:30 PM BURTOVICH 205    |
| 02/11/25 | (S) | Moved SB 47 Out of Committee    |
| 02/11/25 | (S) | MINUTE (TRA)                    |
| 02/14/25 | (S) | TRA RPT 2DP 1DNP 1NR            |

02/14/25 (S) DP: BJORKMAN, KIEHL  
02/14/25 (S) DNP: SHOWER  
02/14/25 (S) NR: TOBIN  
02/17/25 (S) RES AT 3:30 PM BUTROVICH 205  
02/17/25 (S) Heard & Held  
02/17/25 (S) MINUTE(RES)  
02/26/25 (S) RES AT 3:30 PM BUTROVICH 205  
02/26/25 (S) Moved CSSB 47(RES) Out of Committee  
02/26/25 (S) MINUTE(RES)  
02/28/25 (S) RES RPT CS 6DP 1NR SAME TITLE  
02/28/25 (S) DP: GIESSEL, HUGHES, DUNBAR, CLAMAN,  
MYERS, WIELECHOWSKI  
02/28/25 (S) NR: KAWASAKI  
03/10/25 (S) TRANSMITTED TO (H)  
03/10/25 (S) VERSION: CSSB 47(RES)  
03/11/25 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS  
03/11/25 (H) TRA, RES  
03/20/25 (H) TRA AT 1:00 PM BARNES 124  
03/20/25 (H) Heard & Held  
03/20/25 (H) MINUTE(TRA)  
03/25/25 (H) TRA AT 1:30 PM BARNES 124

**WITNESS REGISTER**

ROGER MARKS, Board Member  
Board of Glen Elks Road Service Area  
Anchorage, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Provided invited testimony on CSSB 47(RES).

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CO-CHAIR ASHLEY CARRICK** called the House Transportation Standing Committee meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Representatives Moore, McCabe, Mina, Eischeid, and Carrick were present at the call to order. Representative Tilton arrived as the meeting was in progress.

**SB 47-CHUGACH STATE PARK EASEMENTS**

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CO-CHAIR CARRICK announced that the only order of business would be CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 47(RES) "An Act relating to Chugach State Park; and providing for an effective date."

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ROGER MARKS, Board Member, Board of Glen Elks Road Service Area, provided invited testimony on CSSB 47(RES). He explained that road service areas are small, independent districts that manage the road maintenance in the uphill areas around Anchorage. This includes road repair, maintaining drainages, and snow removal. He stated that this service is paid for by the property taxes of the local residents. He noted that the original intent for this service was to manage snow removal in the higher altitude areas around Anchorage.

MR. MARKS explained that the two busiest roads to the Chugach State Park are located within the Glen Elks Road Service Area. He stated that the constant traffic coming from outside of this area to the park is the leading cause of depreciation of the roads. He pointed out that the park is busy with around 1.5 million visitors a year. Because of the low density of population in the area, he explained that there is a lack of funding for the necessary upgrades needed on roads going to the park. He argued that these road service organizations were never meant to manage road service to the park.

MR. MARKS noted that the need has been recognized, but the state has not delivered the resources to maintain the roads. In 2023, Anchorage voters created the Chugach State Park Access Service Area to finance road maintenance to the park. In 2024, the municipality passed a \$4 million bond to upgrade Canyon Road, a major access to the park; however, two segments of this road are located on park land, and he indicated that the Municipality of Anchorage cannot bond for assets it does not own. He explained that the solution is for the park to grant easements to the municipality across the segments so these areas could be included in the bond. He stated that the proposed legislation would allow the state to grant these easements, so bond funds could be used for these park roads. He argued that this would make the park entrance safer for locals and tourists. He continued that the Glen Elks Road Service Area manages the road now, and it would continue to do this.

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CO-CHAIR CARRICK opened public testimony on SB 47. After ascertaining that there was no one who wished to testify, she closed public testimony.

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CO-CHAIR CARRICK made closing remarks.

[CSSB 47(RES) was held over.]

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the House Transportation Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.