

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

March 25, 2025

1:38 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Senator Jesse Bjorkman, Chair  
Senator Löki Tobin, Vice Chair  
Senator Jesse Kiehl  
Senator Mike Shower (via teleconference)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Senator Bert Stedman

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Urging the United States Congress and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to address outages of National Data Buoy Center stations.

- MOVED CSSJR 12 (TRA) OUT OF COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: SJR 12

SHORT TITLE: NOAA BUOY OUTAGES

SPONSOR(S): SENATOR(S) DUNBAR

02/26/25	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/26/25	(S)	TRA
03/20/25	(S)	TRA AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
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**WITNESS REGISTER**

HAHLEN BEHNKEN, Staff  
Senator Forrest Dunbar  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Gave a brief overview of SJR 12 on behalf of the sponsor.

## **ACTION NARRATIVE**

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CHAIR BJORKMAN called the Senate Transportation Standing Committee meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Tobin, Kiehl, Shower (via teleconference) and Chair Bjorkman.

### **SJR 12-NOAA BUOY OUTAGES**

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CHAIR BJORKMAN announced the consideration of SJR 12-NOAA BUOY OUTAGES

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HAHLEN BEHNKEN, Staff, Senator Forrest Dunbar, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, gave a brief overview of SJR 12 on behalf of the sponsor. He said SJR 12 addressed the outages that have been increasingly occurring over the last five years to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) buoys around the state and taking particular note of the Seal Rock buoy in Prince William Sound. This buoy is essential for the safe navigation of oil tankers from Valdez. This is an important issue, especially for Prince Willlliam Sound and for all coastal communities in Alaska.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN opened public testimony on SJR 12.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN closed public testimony on SJR 12.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN solicited the will of the committee.

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SENATOR TOBIN moved to report Committee Substitute SJ 12, work order 34-LS0449\H, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s).

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CHAIR BJORKMAN found no objection and CS SJR 12 (TRA) was reported from the Senate Transportation Standing Committee.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Bjorkman adjourned the Senate Transportation Standing Committee meeting at 1:41 p.m.