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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 513

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act directing the Department of Transportation and
7 Public Facilities to implement an avalanche warning and
8 control system; and providing for an effective date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 * Section 1. AS 44.42.020(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to
11 read:

12 (14) develop and implement a statewide avalanche warning and
13 control system in accordance with AS 18.76.

14 * Sec. 2. AS 18 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

15 CHAPTER 76. AVALANCHE WARNING AND CONTROL.

16 Sec. 18.76.010. The Department of Transportation and Public Facil-
17 ities shall

18 (1) in cooperation with other state agencies and one or more
19 agencies of the federal government, develop and implement a statewide
20 avalanche warning system by

21 (A) establishing and maintaining field stations to
22 gather information concerning ground weather conditions, snow pack
23 and avalanche activity;

24 (B) forecasting avalanche conditions throughout the
25 state;

26 (C) coordinating a public awareness program on avalanche
27 danger;

28 (D) cataloging a comprehensive atlas of avalanche paths
29 and slide occurrences; and

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(E) assisting local governments and other state agencies in identifying hazardous avalanche zones and in developing avalanche zoning regulations;

(2) develop and implement an avalanche control plan to protect users of public highways and public land, including but not limited to,

(A) consulting with persons familiar with transportation corridor avalanche control programs;

(B) monitoring snow conditions in transportation corridors and areas regularly used by the public which are in avalanche slide areas;

(C) establishing a preventative avalanche control program for initiating slides before conditions cause natural snow release; and

(D) preparing an emergency rescue plan and a general safety plan that protect the general public and state personnel employed in avalanche-related activities during avalanche occurrences.

* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).