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BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 638

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to transportation planning and re-
7 ports."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 44.42 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 2. ALASKA TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL.

11 Sec. 44.42.100. ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL. There is established
12 the Alaska Transportation Policy Council. The council is in the De-
13 partment of Transportation and Public Facilities, but for administrative
14 purposes only.

15 Sec. 44.42.110. APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS. The council
16 consists of five members appointed by the governor. Each member must be
17 a resident and qualified voter of Alaska at the time of his appointment
18 and while serving on the council. One member shall be appointed from
19 each of the four judicial districts of the state and the fifth member
20 shall be appointed at large.

21 Sec. 44.42.120. TERMS OF OFFICE. (a) Members of the council
22 shall be appointed for five-year terms. However, of the initial
23 appointments to the council, one member shall serve for one year, one
24 member shall serve for two years, one member shall serve for three
25 years, one member shall serve for four years, and one member shall serve
26 for five years.

27 (b) The governor shall fill a vacancy on the council for the
28 balance of an unexpired term.

29 (c) The council shall select a chairman from among its members.

1 Sec. 44.42.130. PER DIEM AND EXPENSES. Members of the council
2 receive no salary, but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses
3 authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

4 Sec. 44.42.140. MEETINGS. The chairman may call meetings of the
5 council upon at least seven days notice, and must call meetings upon the
6 request of two members.

7 Sec. 44.42.150. QUORUM AND MAJORITY. Three members of the council
8 constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. A vote of the
9 majority of members present is required for action by the council.

10 Sec. 44.42.160. DUTIES. The council shall review and comment on
11 each plan and program submitted to it under AS 44.42.050 and AS 19.10.-
12 140. The council shall provide copies of its comments to the commis-
13 sioner of transportation and public facilities, the governor, and the
14 legislature within 90 days after each plan or program is received.

15 * Sec. 2. AS 19.10.140 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 19.10.140. LONG-RANGE PROGRAM FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND
17 MAINTENANCE. The governor shall require the department to establish a
18 continuing, long-range program for highway construction and maintenance.
19 The program shall annually project proposed construction and maintenance
20 of highways for not less than the next succeeding five years. A state-
21 ment of the program shall be submitted by the governor to the legisla-
22 ture annually, and the long-range program shall include in detail the
23 program prepared under AS 19.10.150. The department shall annually
24 submit a copy of the program to the Alaska Transportation Policy
25 Council (AS 44.42.100).

26 * Sec. 3. AS 19.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

27 Sec. 19.10.155. QUARTERLY REPORTS. The department shall prepare a
28 quarterly report for each highway construction project it undertakes.
29 The report shall include (1) a statement of the current status of con-

1 struction on the project; (2) a statement of the amount of money spent
2 on the project to date; and (3) an estimate of the amount of money which
3 will be needed to complete the project. In addition, the report shall
4 indicate how the project fits into the plans and programs required under
5 AS 19.10.140 and AS 44.42.050. The department shall submit a copy of
6 the quarterly report to the legislature.

7 * Sec. 4. AS 44.42.050(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) The commissioner shall develop annually a comprehensive,
9 intermodal, long-range transportation plan for the state. In developing
10 and revising the state plan, the commissioner shall consider means and
11 costs of improving existing modes and facilities, state and federal
12 subsidies, and the costs and benefits of new transportation modes and
13 facilities. The commissioner shall also consider the recommendation of
14 the Alaska Transportation Planning Council. The plan shall be submitted
15 to the governor for his review and approval and submitted by the
16 governor to the legislature. A copy of the plan shall be submitted
17 to the Alaska Transportation Policy Council (AS 44.42.100).
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