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2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 638 am

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. 44.42.105. APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS. (a) The council
16 consists of nine 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. Two members shall be appointed from
19 each of the four judicial districts of the state and the ninth member
20 shall be appointed at large.

21 (b) At least three of the members appointed under (a) of this
22 section shall be persons who are not directly involved and have no direc
23 financial interest in a transportation service or industry. In appoint-
24 ing the remaining members of the council under (a) of this section, the
25 governor shall make reasonable efforts to provide representation on the
26 council to various kinds of transportation services and industries,
27 including but not limited to transportation services and industries which
28 use highway transportation, air transportation, water transportation,
29 mass transportation, or rail transportation.

1 Sec. 44.42.110. TERMS OF OFFICE. (a) Members of the council
2 shall be appointed for five-year terms. However, of the initial ap-
3 pointments to the council, two members shall serve for one year, two
4 members shall serve for two years, two members shall serve for three
5 years, two members shall serve for four years, and one member shall
6 serve for five years.

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

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

10 Sec. 44.42.115. PER DIEM AND EXPENSES. Members of the council
11 receive no salary, but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses
12 authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

13 Sec. 44.42.120. MEETINGS. The chairman may call meetings of the
14 council upon at least 14 days notice, and must call meetings upon the
15 request of five members.

16 Sec. 44.42.125. QUORUM AND MAJORITY. Five members of the council
17 constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. An affirmative vote by
18 a majority of the members of the council is required for action by the
19 council.

20 Sec. 44.42.130. DUTIES. (a) The council shall make recommenda-
21 tions to the governor and the legislature relating to

22 (1) the development and implementation of a comprehensive
23 long-range transportation plan for the state; in developing the recom-
24 mendations for the plan the council shall consider methods to

25 (A) improve existing transportation modes to ensure safe
26 and efficient transportation services;

27 (B) provide alternatives to existing transportation
28 modes in the state, considering the economic costs and benefits and
29 the social and environmental impacts of the alternatives;

1 (C) provide alternatives to existing transportation
2 modes in urban areas of the state and to provide for the develop-
3 ment of plans to improve urban transportation;

4 (D) improve transportation for the elderly, handicapped
5 and poor;

6 (E) improve the movement of goods and services, in-
7 cluding transportation support for resource development;

8 (F) improve or create energy conservation measures; and

9 (G) provide financing of the operational and maintenance
10 costs of transportation modes by the users of the systems and
11 facilities;

12 (2) the development and coordination of regional transporta-
13 tion planning, including the development of regional, intermodal, short-
14 range and long-range transportation plans and systems;

15 (3) the development of plans covering a six-year period for
16 the construction of transportation facilities, including the development
17 of budgets reflecting the cost of constructing the facilities and re-
18 flecting the cost of maintaining and operating the facilities; the
19 development of criteria to assess the performance of the transportation
20 facilities in providing the functions for which they were intended; and
21 the development of schedules for the completion of construction of the
22 facilities;

23 (4) the provision of effective coordination of state trans-
24 portation planning with national transportation policy, state and local
25 land use policies, and local and regional transportation plans and
26 programs;

27 (5) procedures for effective public involvement in trans-
28 portation planning and operations, considering the development of re-
29 gional transportation advisory boards, and when applicable, the use of

1 public and private agencies designed to encourage public involvement in
2 state planning functions;

3 (6) procedures for reviewing and revising state transporta-
4 tion policies and plans;

5 (7) other activities considered necessary by the council or
6 directed by the governor.

7 (b) The council shall submit an annual report containing the
8 recommendations required under (a) of this section to the governor and
9 the legislature. The report shall be submitted not later than January 30
10 of each year.

11 Sec. 44.42.135. DEFINITION. In AS 44.42.100 - 44.42.135, "council"
12 means the Alaska Transportation Policy Council.

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

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

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

25 Sec. 19.10.155. PROJECT REPORTING. The department shall establish
26 an information system to provide current information for each project it
27 undertakes. The information system shall be available to members of the
28 legislature and shall include information on

29 (1) the status of construction on each project;

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- (2) the amount of money spent on each project; and
- (3) the estimated amount of money needed to complete each project.

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

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

* Sec. 5. AS 39.50.200 is amended by adding a new subparagraph to read:

(SS) Alaska Transportation Policy Council.