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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 366 (State Affairs)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Dalton Highway."

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

8 * Section 1. FINDINGS, PURPOSE, AND INTENT. (a) The legislature finds

9 (1) the northern portion of the Dalton Highway possesses unique
10 scenic and recreational resources of high public value;

11 (2) significant wildlife and fishery resources are present along
12 the Dalton Highway and represent important resources to highway users for
13 viewing and to local residents for subsistence;

14 (3) current levels of public law enforcement services along the
15 Dalton Highway are not sufficient to cope with increased use of the highway
16 to ensure the safety of users of the highway, or to protect fish and wild-
17 life resources;

18 (4) future facilities, both private and public, along the high-
19 way should be permitted and constructed only in accordance with land use
20 plans in order to prevent adverse effects on the scenic, recreational, or
21 fish and wildlife values of the highway corridor.

22 (b) It is the purpose of this Act to

23 (1) permit public use of a publicly owned and maintained high-
24 way; and

25 (2) increase and enhance tourism along the Dalton Highway.

26 (c) It is the intent of the legislature that

27 (1) the opening of the Dalton Highway not adversely affect local
28 fish and wildlife resources;

29 (2) rigorous monitoring, enforcement, and regulations be

1 implemented to protect fish and wildlife resources along the highway corri-
2 dor;

3 (3) future developments in the highway corridor be restricted to
4 nodes of development of facilities and services along the highway;

5 (4) if land along the highway corridor is transferred to the
6 state, such land should not be disposed of, or subject to lease, by the
7 state except as provided by a land use plan prepared by the state.

8 * Sec. 2. AS 19.40.110 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 19.40.110. PUBLIC USE OF [A PORTION OF] THE HIGHWAY. The
10 department shall maintain the [SECTION OF THE] highway [BETWEEN THE
11 YUKON RIVER AND DIETRICH CAMP] and shall keep [THAT SECTION OF] the
12 highway open to use by the public [BETWEEN JUNE 1 AND SEPTEMBER 1 EACH
13 YEAR].

14 * Sec. 3. AS 19.40.290(2) is amended to read:

15 (2) "highway" means the secondary highway from the Yukon
16 River to a terminus near the Arctic Ocean.