

HOUSE BILL NO. 54

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 1/22/91

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the distribution of national forest receipts; and providing for an
2 effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.** (a) Federal law, 16 U.S.C. 500, provides that 25 percent
5 of all money received each fiscal year from each national forest shall be paid to the state in which the
6 national forest is located, to be distributed under state law for the benefit of the public schools and roads
7 of the county or counties in which the national forest is located.

8 (b) The intent of this federal law is to provide funds to support roads and schools of
9 communities affected by national forest activities.

10 (c) Under present state law, communities that are affected by national forest activities, but
11 located within the unorganized borough, do not receive any part of national forest income.

12 (d) That portion of national forest income not distributed to organized boroughs under
13 AS 41.15.180(a) should be distributed to communities within the unorganized borough that are situated
14 within a national forest and that presently do not receive funds from national forest receipts.

1 * Sec. 2. AS 41.15.180(c) is repealed and reenacted to read:

2 (c) The commissioner shall distribute income from national forest land within the
3 unorganized borough for public schools and public roads that benefit communities that are within
4 the unorganized borough and within or adjoining the national forest that generated the income.
5 Funds shall be allocated under this subsection to benefit municipalities or unorganized
6 communities on a per capita basis. Of the funds allocated to benefit a municipality or
7 unorganized community, 25 percent shall be used for public schools, with the distribution being
8 made to the municipal school district or the rural educational attendance area, and 75 percent
9 shall be used, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, for
10 public roads that benefit the municipality or unorganized community. The payments shall be
11 made under an appropriation made for that purpose.

12 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).a,