

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 183(TRA)**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/31/93**

**Referred: Resources, Finance**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE JAMES**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act directing the identification and delineation of a transportation and utility  
2 corridor between Fairbanks and the Seward Peninsula for road, rail, pipeline, and  
3 electrical transmission purposes; and providing for an effective date."

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

5 \* **Section 1. FAIRBANKS - SEWARD PENINSULA TRANSPORTATION AND**  
6 **UTILITY CORRIDOR. (a) Not later than April 1, 1995, the northern region of the**  
7 **Department of Transportation and Public Facilities shall identify and delineate a proposed**  
8 **transportation and utility corridor between Fairbanks and the western end of the Seward**  
9 **Peninsula. The corridor shall be sufficient to accommodate construction of**

- 10 (1) a road;  
11 (2) an extension of the Alaska Railroad;  
12 (3) oil, natural gas, or coal slurry pipelines, or any of them; and  
13 (4) an electrical transmission line.

14 (b) In performing the work required by (a) of this section,

1 (1) the railroad alignment and identification of a railroad right-of-way of not  
2 less than 500 feet shall guide the identification and delineation of the corridor; and

3 (2) the northern region shall consider the following factors:

4 (A) grade and alignment standards that are commensurate with rail and  
5 road construction standards;

6 (B) availability of construction materials;

7 (C) safety;

8 (D) service to adjacent communities;

9 (E) significant environmental concerns;

10 (F) use of public land to the maximum degree possible; and

11 (G) minimization of probable construction costs.

12 (c) Within 90 days after receiving a report transmitting the work of the northern  
13 region of the department under (a) of this section, the commissioner of transportation and  
14 public facilities shall, in conformity with AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), if  
15 necessary, adopt a regulation approving, modifying, or rejecting the proposed corridor.

16 (d) If the commissioner of transportation and public facilities approves or modifies  
17 the proposed corridor when presented under (c) of this section,

18 (1) the Department of Natural Resources shall promptly classify, or reclassify,  
19 and reserve any state land within the corridor for use as a corridor; and

20 (2) the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities shall

21 (A) exercise its authority under AS 19.05.040 to acquire rights-of-way  
22 across land within the corridor that is subject to the state's power of condemnation;  
23 and

24 (B) work with federal officials to secure reclassification and withdrawal  
25 of federal land in the corridor for reservations and rights-of-way across the federal land  
26 for use as a corridor.

27 (e) The requirements of AS 38.05 (Alaska Land Act) relating to classification and  
28 reclassification of land are inapplicable to actions taken under this section.

29 (f) In this section, "corridor" means the transportation and utility corridor required to  
30 be identified and delineated by (a) of this section.

31 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).