

## SENATE BILL NO. 131

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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## A BILL

## FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act directing the preparation of a preliminary report that identifies and  
2 delineates one or more transportation and utility corridors between Fairbanks and  
3 the Seward Peninsula for road, rail, pipeline, and electrical transmission purposes;  
4 and providing for an effective date."

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

6 \* Section 1. FAIRBANKS - SEWARD PENINSULA TRANSPORTATION AND  
7 UTILITY CORRIDOR. (a) Not later than April 1, 1995, the northern region of the  
8 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities shall prepare a preliminary report that  
9 identifies and delineates one or more proposed transportation and utility corridors between  
10 Fairbanks and the western end of the Seward Peninsula. A corridor shall be sufficient to  
11 accommodate construction of

- 12 (1) a road;  
13 (2) an extension of the Alaska Railroad;  
14 (3) oil, natural gas, or coal slurry pipelines, or any of them; and

1                   (4) an electrical transmission line.

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

3                   (1) the railroad alignment and identification of a railroad right-of-way of not

4 less than 500 feet shall guide the identification and delineation of the corridor; and

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

6                           (A) grade and alignment standards that are commensurate with rail and

7 road construction standards;

8                           (B) availability of construction materials;

9                           (C) safety;

10                          (D) service to adjacent communities;

11                          (E) significant environmental concerns;

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

13                          (G) minimization of probable construction costs; and

14                          (H) alignment with rights-of-way identified by territorial and state

15 officials for construction of highways over public land not reserved for public

16 use, as authorized by former 43 U.S.C. 932 (Revised Statutes sec. 2477).

17           (c) Notwithstanding AS 19.10.170(b), in the identification and delineation of one or

18 more corridors under (a) of this section, the northern region of the department

19                   (1) shall use aerial surveying methods to the maximum degree possible;

20                   (2) except for contracts necessary under (1) of this subsection, may not contract

21 for surveying, mapping, and engineering and design services; the northern region of the

22 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities shall perform all work using personnel

23 employed by that department.

24           (d) In this section, "corridor" means a transportation and utility corridor required to

25 be identified and delineated by (a) of this section.

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