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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF LANDS

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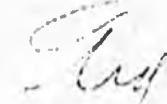
Dear Lisa:

I've just reviewed a copy of House Bill 116, which you sponsored entitled "An Act Relating to the Classification of State Land and Providing for an Effective Date". I understand from Gary Thurlow that this was an attempt to bring pressure on municipalities to accomplish recreational trail designation within their boundaries. I believe that the authority to classify State land already exists and that the purpose of the legislation would not be met by this bill, since it pertains to classification of State Lands only. I suggest that if this purpose really is to accelerate municipal action it might be better to look to AS41.20.355 which authorizes grants for the establishment of trails and footpaths. There is a requirement there for a comprehensive plan for the establishment of the trails. It might be appropriate to include some language that requires dedication by the municipality prior to the grant being made.

As a matter of information, the statutory authority for classifying lands is found in AS38.05.300 and regulations adopted thereunder.

Give me a call if you have any questions about this or any other matter I may be able to assist you with.

Yours truly,



TED SMITH  
Director

cc: Guy Martin  
Russ Cahill

*could I have copies of under-  
lined statutes pls?*

SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Senator Joe Orsini  
Chairman

Senate Bill No. 80

Croft  
Prime Sponsor

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

This Bill is currently in the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee for consideration. Your response, as prime sponsor, to the following questions will serve to hasten Committee action on this Bill.

1. What is the need for your proposed legislation; what is the goal you are trying to accomplish?

To provide a system of trails - that do not parallel existing transportation routes - in the Anchorage area. The bill would merely provide that the state should designate trails across its land within the borders of a municipality in conformity with the plan instituted by the municipality.

2. Are there any other viable ways of accomplishing this same goal?

Maybe, but I can't think of any.

3. Persons or groups you know of who are supporting the legislation.

Ron Crenshaw  
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4. Persons or groups you know of who are opposing the legislation.

None that I know of.

5. Can you foresee any new problems that might be caused as a result of enactment of your bill?

None of much significance.

6. What is the earliest time you would like the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee to consider your bill?

Since the bill has a subsequent referral, I would appreciate it being considered the week of February 21, which is approximately one month after the bill was introduced.

# TELEGRAM

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THE ANCHORAGE TRAILS COUNCIL SUPPORTS SENATE BILL 80

THIS BILL COINCIDES WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

ESTABLISHING WATERFRONT AND STREAMSIDE GREENBELTS WITHIN

ANCHORAGE AND THE COMPREHENSIVE TRAILS PLAN. IT WILL PROVIDE

FOR CONTINUITY BETWEEN THE STATE AND MUNICIPALITY

IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATION TRAILS LAND.

RON CRENSHAW CHAIRMAN

ANCHORAGE TRAILS COUNCIL