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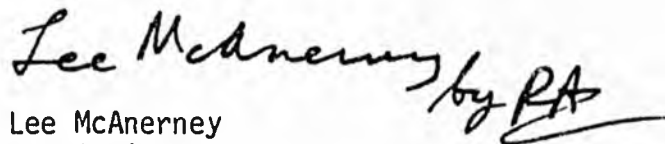
The Honorable Bette M. Cato
Chairperson, House Transportation Committee
Alaska House of Representatives
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Cato:

RE: HB 652

Enclosed please find the Department's position paper on House Bill 652. If you have any questions regarding our position on this legislation, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee McAnerney" followed by a flourish that appears to be "by RA".

Lee McAnerney
Commissioner

Enclosure: Position Paper HB 652

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POSITION PAPER ON HOUSE BILL 652

House Bill 652 authorizes and establishes a method by which the state may transfer road maintenance responsibilities for state highways to municipalities.

The Department supports this bill as it adds an additional option in the area of road maintenance which in many cases may be a less costly alternative than continued state maintenance. The present situation often creates redundancy with the state and municipalities each having to provide staff and equipment to maintain their respective roads. The Department notes that the bill excludes boroughs (the majority of which exercise road powers on a service area basis only). The Department believes that the Legislature should consider including boroughs under this bill on the condition that the borough accepts the transfer of responsibilities on a comprehensive (i.e. areawide) basis.

The Department supports the idea of granting local governments with as many responsibilities as they are capable or desirous of managing. Resources to administer these services should also be provided. This philosophy is reflected in existing State programs which provide financial aid to local governments and is even more clearly exemplified in SB 716/HB 746, the Governor's proposed revenue sharing reform bill.

HB 652 "An act authorizing the transfer to certain municipalities of responsibilities of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for maintenance of state highways; and providing for an effective date."

As in HB 654 Sec 12 which provides for local control of public works projects, this act provides for local control for maintenance of state highways within a municipality. (Should take the word "state" out of the title) On page 2, line 5, (d) this section was put in to allow the commissioner some latitude in deciding amounts on monies to the municipality. There should be the provision that additional monies may be provided by the municipality or possible some "percentage of cost" clause that the municipality should pay in so that it is not a total expenditure of dollars to the municipality without control or accountability. Otherwise, the municipality could just assume an agreement to leverage state dollars into them, and transfer dollars at will to other areas.

This request is in line with a Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce Recommendation.

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. HB 652
 Title maintenance of state highways
 Requested by House Transportation Committee Date 1/21/82

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
 Program Category Affected Transportation
 BRU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected M&O, Highways Components, Statewide
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instruction, Section III)

Based upon our interpretation of H.B. 652 it is assumed that should a municipality request to assume road maintenance the amount of money transferred to the municipality will be reflected as a deduction to the M&O Budget with a net effect of -0-.

IV. DATE 2/3/82 PREPARED BY [Signature]
 AGENCY DOT/DF
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 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)
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