

**HB**

**81**

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JAN. 26<sup>th</sup>

File Item # 1

OF HOUSE BILL 81

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HB 81 provides the authority with autonomy to:

1. Maintain offices at a place in the state and at places out of state that are served by the AMHS.
2. Acquire, hold, use, rent, construct and dispose of real and personal property for its purposes.
3. Establish rates and tariffs, after public hearings.
4. Modify routes, after public hearings.
5. Adopt and enforce bylaws and regulations for the conduct of its business and for the use of its services and facilities.
6. Acquire, hold, use and dispose of its income, revenues, funds and money.
7. Adopt an official seal

While attempting to provide the authority with autonomy, HB 81 does require oversight from the Legislature and the Department of Transportation through the following provisions:

1. The authority shall submit its annual budget to the legislature through the governor as provided for state agencies by the Executive Budget Act (37.07)  
The authority shall expend money appropriated by the legislature as authorized by the legislature.
2. By January 15th of each year, the authority shall submit a comprehensive annual report to the governor and the legislature describing the operations, income, and expenditures for the preceding fiscal year.
3. The authority shall have its financial records audited annually by a certified public accountant.  
The legislative audit division shall have access to the records of the authority at all times.
4. The authority, with the co-operation of D.O.T. shall prepare a comprehensive long-range plan.

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Rep. Cato Absent.

Worley M. briefly explained House Bill 81 to the House Transportation Committee. <sup>Committee</sup> Minutes File, title # (Leg. Ref. Library, His <sup>Trans.</sup> Additional numbers provided For the record 8:35 Rep. Foster

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113 Rep. Helson stated the Ferry System was important and that he supported HB 81.

(w) 186 Rep. Crosscut. Stated that the Ferry System was the last chance to be dealt with. Tough time with this Leg., alot of resistance. Needs to be a separation of Ferry Sfa and DOT

228 Larson - Long Range Plan of Ferry System  
170T  
237 (w) Mark Hickey DOT - <sup>Commissioner</sup> Over all subject? 70% of Funds Public Facilities <sup>the decision</sup> taken away. 4-5 month Master ~~Plan~~ <sup>Plan</sup> ~~is~~ difficult in the long R. plan because of the Budget.

297 Rep. Crosscut. Stated it would be complex because of internal politics and the future of economic development to get the funds allocated to ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Budget for the ~~State~~ <sup>State</sup> Highway System. A lot to complex problems include with Alaska DOT funding System.

341 Hickey - Authorities have their place and ~~only~~ <sup>only</sup> the Solution.

391 Rep. Hel. The Right emphasis need to be addressed on all long term ~~business~~ <sup>business</sup> of System.



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HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

DATE: 1/27/89

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