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*The Honorable Paul A. Fischer, Chairman
Health, Education and Social Services Committee
Capitol Building, Room 508
Juneau, Alaska 99801*

Dear Senator Fischer,

Senate Bill 368 provides authority for peace officers and authorized Department of Public Safety employees to perform safety and hazardous material inspections on commercial vehicles. It also provides a definition of "commercial motor vehicle".

These two changes are required to allow Alaska to participate in the Federal Highway Administration's Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP).

As you are aware, there is no effective motor carrier safety inspection program in Alaska at the present time. The MCSAP program is the states opportunity to receive federal participating funds to establish an effective motor carrier safety program.

We urge you to consider and recommend passage of Senate Bill 368 at the earliest possible date so that efforts can continue to have the safety program in place this year. Failure to pass this important piece of legislation will render Alaska unable to participate in the federal funding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



*Edward Moses
Director*