

HJR

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Sponsor Statement

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HJR 60 RS 2477 highway rights of way

By Rep. Jeannette James

Federal Revised Statute 2477 (RS 2477) provided for "the right-of-way" for the construction of highways over public lands, not reserved for public use. HJR 60 preserves access all over Alaska using traditional roads and trails for future roads and trails.

Congress repealed RS 2477 in 1976, but reserved existing rights-of-way created under RS 2477.

The US Department of the Interior is attempting to administratively recind the long-standing and widely accepted interpretation of RS 2477 by adopting regulations restrictively defining key statutory terms contrary to the intent of the Congress and virtually eliminating all RS 2477 rights-of-way in Alaska.

S. 1425 has been introduced in the US Senate, and H.R. 2081 has been introduced in the US House to preserve the long standing judicial and executive interpretation of RS 2477 and to protect the existing rights-of-ways previously granted by the federal government under RS 2477.

HJR 60 supports the federal legislation and asks that the US government allow us a reasonable period and process for the assertion, recognition, and determination of the existence RS 2477 rights-of-way.

FISCAL NOTE

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Title: Relating to RS 2477
 Sponsor: Rep. James
 Requestor: _____

Dept. Affected LAA
 BRU: _____
 Components: _____
 Serial #: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

OPERATING	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

General Fund						
Federal Fund						
Other						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (ATTACH A SEPARATE PAGE IF NECESSARY)

See attached analysis

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