

SB

196

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

First Committee of Referral

DATE: 1/8/96

FURTHER: State Affairs

Date of 5-Day Notice: 2/8/96
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 2/22/96

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 196

"An Act naming the new maritime ferry vessel Koniag."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____
- adopt previous _____ CS _____
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to the _____ Committee

Senate Bill:
 same title
 new title
 House Bill:
 same title
 technical title
 new: SCR# _____

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	LVP	AM
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓	<i>Lynne Green</i>			
<i>Al Adams</i>	✓				
CHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>			✓		

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
DOT/PF	2/2/96	✓	

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):*

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

*Include fiscal note, accompanying Governor's bill

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1996 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 196 |

Revision Date: 2/20/96 Dept. Affected: DOT&PF
 Title: Naming Ferry Vessel Koniag BRU: Marine Engineering
 Component: CIP Program
 Sponsor: Zharoff
 Requester: Transportation COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 624

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	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	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

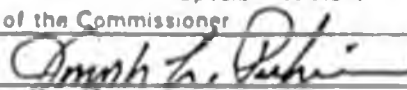
Estimate of any current year (FY96) cost: \$ 0.0

POSITIONS

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation would result in no cost to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

SB 196

SB 196, "An Act naming the new maritime ferry vessel Koniag" was introduced at the suggestion of the mayor of the City of Old Harbor, which is a community on Kodiak Island.

This bill would name the Alaska Marine Highway's new vessel the M/V Koniag. Statute requires that the name of marine highway vessels be established by law and be after a glacier in Alaska.

Koniag Glacier is located on the Southeast side of Kodiak Island. Currently all the names of the marine highway vessels are derived from glaciers in Southeast Alaska, Southcentral Alaska or the Kenai Peninsula. Kodiak has been an important part of the marine highway system for over 30 years. Since the new vessel will be utilized in Southwest Alaska as well as Southeast Alaska, I believe it appropriate to recognize a glacier in Southwest as the name for the new vessel.

Chapter 65. Alaska Marine Highway System.

Section

20. Naming of vessel or facility

Sec. 19.65.010. Duty station or port change for employees of the Alaska marine highway system. [Repealed, § 52 ch 59 SLA 1982.]

Sec. 19.65.020. Naming of vessel or facility. (a) A vessel or facility of the Alaska marine highway system constructed or acquired by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities under AS 19.60 — AS 19.65 may be given a name only by law.

→ (b) A maritime vessel shall bear the name of an Alaska glacier.

(c) A vessel used principally on the inland waterways of the state shall bear the name of a historical vessel which used the rivers of the state. (§ 2 ch 4 SLA 1981)



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November 13, 1995

Senator Fred Zharoff
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Dear Senator Zharoff,

I am writing to you to request a name for the newest addition in the Alaska Marine Highway System (Ferry). With my understanding it is a tradition to name a new vessel after a glacier.

As this vessel may serve the Alaska Peninsula, and Kodiak Island I would like to submit the name "Koniag". For this new vessel's name, Koniag Glacier is on the U.S.G.S. map. This glacier is located approximately 10 miles Northwest of Old Harbor, in the mountains adjacent to Mt. Koniag which is the Highest point on Kodiak Island.

Please forward this request to the proper agency if the naming of these vessel's are not through the state legislature.

Sincerely,

Rick Berns, Mayor

enclosed: U.S.G.S map

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SHIPYARD SELECTED TO BUILD OCEAN CLASS FERRY

Commissioner Joe Perkins announced today that a Mississippi shipbuilder has been selected to design and build the newest addition to the state's Marine Highway System. The state Department of Transportation & Public Facilities will contract with Halter Marine of Gulfport, Mississippi for an ocean class ferry capable of carrying 120 automobiles and as many as 750 passengers.

"Alaska's Marine Highway System is an important part of the National Highway System," Perkins said. "Upgrading national highways in Alaska is an important part of Gov. Knowles' transportation initiative. Back in June, the Governor committed to invest \$120 million per year over the next twelve years to upgrade national highways in Alaska. This new ferry was designed with the help of residents of coastal communities from Ketchikan to Unalaska to help us better meet their needs. It will be an important addition to our fleet of eight vessels."

Halter Marine was among three shipbuilders to express an interest in the project. Their bid of \$80,476,854, including all options, was lowest of those submitted and was slightly less than the engineer's estimate. The actual contract price for the vessel will depend on the selection of optional items by the state.

The approximately 380 foot vessel will feature a roll-on/roll-off design capable of carrying 120 vehicles. The vessel will be equipped with a vehicle elevator, side doors and a stern ramp, and designed to operate at existing state facilities. A helicopter deck will support emergency response requirements and allow the vessel to be used as an emergency command post when needed. The vessel will accommodate 500 to 750 passengers, depending on the route.

Halter Marine, Inc., a subsidiary of Trinity Industries, is a leading producer of vessels for commercial and military customers. Construction, using modern modular techniques, will take place at the company's facilities in Pearlton, Mississippi and New Orleans, Louisiana.

Delivery of the vessel is expected in 1998. The new ocean class ferry, as yet unnamed, will be the newest addition to the state ferry fleet since the *Aurora* was placed in service in 1977.



