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CSSB 263 am S: Secondary Roads & STIP Sponsor Statement

SB 263 establishes a statutory system for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and establishes a secondary roads program for upgrading Alaska's secondary graveled or cold asphaltic roads.

The current ranking system for the STIP is internalized within the Department of Transportation and the projects are often placed in various categories. This bill:

1. standardizes the STIP by identifying three STIP categories in statute;
2. defines subcategories for the Community Transportation Program (CTP) category;
3. prohibits placement of a project in the CTP category if it is eligible elsewhere;
4. requires evaluation and ranking of projects in each category according to processes established by the department and according to:
 - a. 20% of ranking based on volume of use; and
 - b. additional priority for upgrading projects to be transferred to a municipality for maintenance; and
5. requires at least 60% of the allocation to the CTP be allocated for projects in the rural and urban streets and roads subcategory.

The premise of the secondary roads program is to upgrade and pave state maintained graveled or cold asphaltic roads by establishing a secondary road standard. Those roads will then be ranked project by project, against other secondary roads - not against the major highway system or other paved roads. Increased ranking will be given to a road when the local government accepts transfer of the road from the State.

The program may be funded annually at \$20 million from the new federal funds and will sunset in five years.

There are problems with secondary graveled roads in many areas of Alaska. The problem is not poor maintenance by DOT; the problem is the poor condition of the road itself. Without an ongoing road improvement program specific to these types of roads, the problems only get worse.

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CSSB 263 am S: Secondary Roads Sectional Analysis

Sec. 1: (a) Establishes three categories for the statewide transportation improvement program (STIP); national highway system (NHS), trails and recreation access to Alaska projects (TRAAK), and community transportation projects (CTP). Provides for preparation and revisions of the program. Authorizes a process for evaluating the projects in the CTP according to:

(b) subcategories in the CTP; rural and urban streets and roads, remote roads and trails, transit projects, and Alaska marine highway system; restricts inclusion in the CTP if the project is eligible elsewhere in STIP;

(c) ranking system which requires that 20% of the ranking of the project is based on the volume of use and added priority is given to upgrading projects which will be transferred to a municipality for maintenance;

(d) allocation of at least 60% of the anticipated appropriations to the CTP to the subcategory for rural and urban streets and roads.

Sec. 2: (a) Establishes duties of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for the Secondary Roads Program.

(b) Establishes the mechanism by which a secondary road may be transferred from the State to a municipality.

(c) Provides authority for appropriations of \$20 million per year into the secondary road program.

(d) Sets out definitions this special legislation.

Sec. 3: Provides for termination of the program in five years.

Sec. 4: Effective date of legislation.

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