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### 1998 Trucking Legislation

#### Senate CS for CS HB 404 (RLS) Before Alaska State Senate

April, 1998

The Alaska Trucking Association, in cooperation with Teamsters Local 959, is supporting CS HB 404 (RLS). The Bill is crafted to resolve problems related to truck user's concerns in four major areas:

First: Proof of Insurance and insurance contact.

Second: A current Statute, related to commercial vehicle safety inspections (Sec.19.10.310), is amended to allow for the inspection criteria found in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, as adopted by Alaska, to meet the State's requirements. This is needed badly and is a good deal.

Third: Fees for out-of-state trucks (Sec.28.10.152) that wish to operate in Alaska temporarily, are increased from \$50 to \$350. This brings Alaska fees more in line with what is charged by other States and Provinces issuing temporary permits. Revenue generated from this fee will be identified as a program receipt. The Governor's Budget will request this "new" money be appropriated for weigh station operation. It does not solve the problem of under funding for weighing and safety issues, but does help.

Fourth: The Bill will eliminate the requirement for annual registration of commercial trailers with DMV. The money currently collected will be added to the registration cost of commercial "power units", so as to be revenue neutral. A \$10 one time fee will be assessed commercial trailers. This change will result in eliminating about 20,000 transactions annually at DMV offices. Thereby, reducing the lines at the counters and providing a better level of public service. The change is also required if Alaska wants to become part of the International Registration Plan. IRP allows for a greatly simplified method of prorating the use of trucks between various States and Provinces. The industry gains substantial efficiency by not having to physically "tag" every one of the almost 20,000 commercial trailers in Alaska annually.



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The Board and Advisors urge you to vote in support of Senate CS for CS HB 404 (RLS). Thank you, Frank Dillon

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