

**HB**

**246**

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1997 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 246 | \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: DOT&PF  
 Title: George W. Palmer Memorial Bridge BRU: Engineering and Operations  
 Component: Engineering and Operations

Sponsor: Representative Ogan  
 Requester: House Transportation COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 547

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

Estimate of any current year (FY97) 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)

The department does not anticipate additional costs associated with renaming this bridge.

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 Special Assistant  
 Division: Office of the Commissioner Date: 4/17/97  
 Approved by: *Joseph L. Dubens* Date: 4/17/97  
 Commissioner  
 Agency: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

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**Representative Scott Ogan**  
House District 27

## *MEMORANDUM*

TO: Senator Jerry Ward, Chair Senate Transportation Committee  
FROM: Representative Scott Ogan  
RE: HB 246, George W. Palmer Memorial Bridge  
DATE: May 5, 1997

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I respectfully request HB 246, "George W. Palmer Memorial Bridge" be scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Transportation Committee.

HB 246 is intended to name the new bridge currently being built over the Matanuska River just outside Palmer, AK, the George W. Palmer Memorial Bridge. I have introduced this bill in response to constituent's and local government's desire to remember an early Alaskan pioneer.

The following information is attached --

1. House Bill 246
  2. Sponsor Statement
  3. Bill Back-Up
- City of Palmer Resolution  
Matanuska-Susitna Borough Resolution  
401 Valley resident signatures

I appreciate your consideration of my request.

*Scott Ogan*

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## Representative Scott Ogan House District 27

### SPONSOR STATEMENT FOR HB 246 An Act naming state bridge #1951 the *"George W. Palmer Memorial Bridge"*

#### ***BILL BASIS***

The Matanuska River Bridge, or more commonly referred to as the bridge that goes over the Matanuska River on the Old Glenn Hwy, will soon become a hike path. New bridge construction is taking shape alongside the older structure, where traffic will eventually be rerouted. HB 246 was prepared in compliance with Alaska Statute Section 19.10.085 which require bridge names be given through legislation, and if passed will become Alaska Statute Section 35.40.100. In addition, I have prepared this legislation in response to requests from district constituents and local government.

#### ***BACKGROUND***

Currently, there is an effort underway to name the new structure the "*George W. Palmer Memorial Bridge*." Spearheading that effort is an energetic ten-year old Palmer resident, Justin Kaucic of Boy Scout Troop 325. Others in support of naming this bridge the *George W. Palmer Memorial Bridge* are the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, City of Palmer, and 401 Mat-Su Valley residents.

#### ***HISTORICAL BASIS***

George W. Palmer arrived in Alaska during the year 1875. He operated a trading post in the late 1800's along a bank of the Matanuska River, in fact near the site where the new bridge is to be built. It's been about one hundred years since George used tin lined boxes to protect the post's supplies from bugs and weather along the river, and he is still remembered as resourceful, industrious, and as one of Alaska's early and true pioneers. George died in 1935, but in 1951 when a small Alaska city incorporated, it chose the name of Palmer to reflect its pioneering spirit and the independence of George W. Palmer.

#### ***BACK-UP***

Matanuska-Susitna Valley governments and residents seek to extend this remembrance to include the new bridge being built near the site of George Palmer's old trading post. I am asking for your support of HB 246 during this final step in the legislative process.

Matanuska-Susitna Borough's Resolution No. 97-008  
City of Palmer Resolution No. 1199  
Four hundred one (401) Mat-Su Valley resident petition signatures

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To SANDRA	From CHUCK KAUCIC		
Co. REP. GLENN'S OFFICE	Co.		
Dept.	Phone # 945-9807		
Fax # 465-3265	Fax #		

By: L. DeVilbiss  
Action:

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION NO. 97-008

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF A PROPOSAL TO NAME THE NEW BRIDGE OVER THE MATANUSKA RIVER ON THE OLD GLENN HIGHWAY THE "GEORGE W. PALMER MEMORIAL BRIDGE."

WHEREAS, First Class Scout Justin L. Kaucic, of Boy Scout Troop 325, is working on a Life Scout service project; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scout Kaucic is asking the borough to support his proposal to name the new bridge over the Matanuska River on the Old Glenn Highway as the "George W. Palmer Memorial Bridge"; and

WHEREAS, George W. Palmer arrived in Alaska in 1875; and

WHEREAS, George W. Palmer was hired by the Alaska Commercial Company to manage their store at Knik; and

WHEREAS, George W. Palmer established a trading post near the site of the new bridge over the Matanuska River on the Old Glenn Highway in 1897; and

WHEREAS, the city of Palmer was incorporated in 1951 and was named for George W. Palmer.

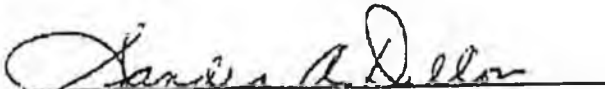
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly supports the proposal to name the new bridge over the Matanuska River on the Old Glenn Highway the "George W. Palmer Memorial Bridge."

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this <sup>25</sup> day  
of <sup>March</sup> 1997.



BARBARA LACHER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
SANDRA A. DILLON, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 1119

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A PROPOSAL TO NAME THE BRIDGE ON THE OLD GLENN HIGHWAY THE "GEORGE W. PALMER MEMORIAL BRIDGE."

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Palmer supports the proposal to name the new bridge over the Matanuska River on the Old Glenn Highway the "George W. Palmer Memorial Bridge."

Adopted by the Palmer City Council this 8 day of April, 1997.

  
HENRY P. GUINOTTE, MAYOR

  
THOMAS C. SMITH, CITY CLERK