

**SJR**

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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
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Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version: SJR 32  
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: OOG  
Title Constitutional amendment relating BRU Elections  
to marine and rail transportation fund Component Elections  
Sponsor Senator Ward  
Requester Senate Transportation Component No. 21

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

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	1.5					
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>1.5</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>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	1.5					
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.5</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 (FY2002) cost: 0.0  
Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This figure includes the cost of providing information about this issue in the Official Election Pamphlet, as required by AS 15.58. If this measure requires the printing of an 8-1/2 by 18 inch ballot, the cost will increase by \$22.0.

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# SENATOR JERRY WARD

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

## SPONSOR STATEMENT

### Senate Joint Resolution No. 32

“Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to a marine and rail transportation fund.”

SJR 32 authorizes the creation of a marine and rail transportation fund and is a companion to SB 271.

In 1985 the State of Alaska purchased the Alaska Railroad from the Federal Government for \$20 million dollars. This transaction came with a significant amount of excess land that assists in the operational costs of the railroad. The Alaska Railroad currently has a surplus land base. The Alaska Railroad is not currently under the executive budget act. The Alaska Marine Highway was created under the authority of the Federal Government in 1963 and was not given a land base. For the past several years the Alaska Marine Highway has relied on the general fund for costs because of lack of a capital equity base in order to make it self-sufficient.

Creating an authority and conveying an additional 500,000 acres of land would allow the excess land to generate revenue and provide a stable funding base for the Alaska Marine and Rail Transportation Authority. The idea is to reduce the requirements to fund the Alaska Marine Highway through the general fund. The overall transportation plan in Alaska would benefit from the re-organization and provide for a system to utilize both services and cut the cost of doing so. Currently the Alaska Marine Highway and the Alaska Railroad share the use of facilities in many locations.

It is my hope as sponsor of SJR 32 that it becomes legislation that will ensure a long-term, self-sufficient transportation network that serves all Alaskans.

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