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SENATE BILL NO. 223

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 5/14/03
Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act naming the state ferry first operating to serve between Metlakatla and
2 Ketchikan; and providing for an effective date."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 * Section 1. AS 19.65.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (f) The Motor Vessel Lituya is the authorized name for the state ferry first
6 operating as part of the Alaska marine highway system to serve between Metlakatla
7 and Ketchikan on or after the effective date of this section.

8 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: SB223
() Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): 05/07/03 Dept. Affected: DOT&PF
Title Naming the Ferry Lituya BRU Marine Highway System
Component Marine Vessel Operations
Sponsor SRUL
Requester SSTA Component No. 2604

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
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
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0
Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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May 16, 2003

Senator Gary Stevens, Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee

Dear Senator Stevens: *Gary*

It is late in the session, however I ask your cooperation in getting passage of legislation to name a state ferry currently under construction. The only way this can be accomplished is through legislation. Schoolchildren in Metlakatla are awaiting the Legislature's action.

The ferry to serve Metlakatla and Ketchikan will be launched in October 2003 and should be in service by May 2004.

A selection committee commissioned under the Office of the Lieutenant Governor selected the name *M/V Lituya* from a number of essay nominations written by the school children of Metlakatla. I have attached a copy of the selected essay from second grader Josiah Milne.

As also required by the statute (AS 19.65.020), maritime vessels are to be named after glaciers. Lituya Glacier is located near Mount Fairweather and Glacier Bay National Park in Southeast Alaska.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance in officially naming this new State ferry to improve the marine transportation system of Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loren".

Loren Leman
Lieutenant Governor

All ferries in Alaska are named after glaciers.

I picked Lituya Glacier. It is in Glacier Bay

National Monument. It was named in 1917 by

J.B. Mertle, Jr.

A glacier is a big river of ice that slides down

a mountain. It carries rocks and trees down.

When glaciers calve into the water, they

become icebergs.

I chose "Lituya" because it was where the

biggest tsunami hit. It happened on July 1, 1958,

after an 8.0 earthquake hit. It caused a large

landslide in the bay. I think that we should name

the new ferry "Lituya" because that was where

the biggest wave hit.

Josiah Milne
2nd Grade - Moran

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May 19, 2003

The Honorable Bruce Weyhrauch
Chairman, State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 102
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Weyhrauch:

As with all vessels of the Alaska Marine Highway System, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities reserves the right to utilize the M/V Lituya between communities that best serves the interest of the residents of Alaska. Initially, the M/V Lituya will serve the residents between the communities of Metlakatla Indian Community and the City of Ketchikan.

Sincerely,



Mike Barton
Commissioner

cc: Tom Briggs, Director of Marine Operations, DOT&PF