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March 4, 2005

The Honorable Ben Stevens  
President of the Senate  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 111  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill establishing a permanent Aviation Advisory Board in statute.

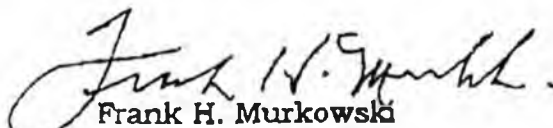
This bill would establish a permanent advisory board within the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF) to make recommendations to the commissioner of DOTPF with respect to that department's aviation functions. On January 15, 2003, I created a temporary interim Aviation Advisory Board by Administrative Order No. 204. I reestablished the temporary board through Administrative Order No. 215, dated June 25, 2004. This bill would make the board permanent.

The permanent board would have the same composition as the current 10-member interim board, with representatives of various stakeholders in aviation matters. However, one additional board member would be added, to provide for an uneven number of members and thus avoid tie votes. The governor would appoint board members to staggered three-year terms. As is the case for members of the existing interim board, members would serve without compensation, other than coverage of travel and per diem expenses for members who are not state officers or employees. All members would serve at the pleasure of the governor.

This bill would afford the commissioner of the DOTPF valuable input from the perspective of the aviation industry and the two largest airport hub communities regarding state aviation policy and management. It would ensure that those same stakeholders would have an ongoing opportunity to advise and make recommendations to the commissioner of DOTPF.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely yours,

  
Frank H. Murkowski  
Governor

Enclosure

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March 16, 2005

The Honorable Charlie Huggins  
Chair, Senate Transportation  
State Capitol, Room 417  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Huggins:

I respectfully request that you schedule Senate Bill 133 for a hearing before the Senate Transportation Committee. This bill would establish an ongoing statutory advisory board within the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to make recommendations to the commissioner of DOT&PF with respect to aviation functions of state government.

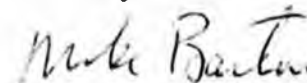
Governor Murkowski originally created the board in January 2003 under AS 44.19.028 by Administrative Order No. 204. To avoid dissolution, the board was renewed in June of 2004 through Administrative Order No. 215. This bill would continue the existence of the board without need for annual administrative renewals.

The statutory Aviation Advisory Board would have the same composition as the current 10-member interim board, with representatives of various stakeholders in aviation matters. However, one additional board member is added to provide for an uneven number of votes on the board. The governor would appoint board members to staggered three-year terms. Like the existing interim board, members would serve without compensation, other than coverage of travel and per diem expenses. All members would serve at the pleasure of the governor.

The DOT&PF manages and operates the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, Fairbanks International Airport and more than 260 rural airports across the state. Steady dialogue and ongoing coordination between the state and the aviation industry are critical to the state's aviation policy as well as airport management and operations. By the same token, board members would have a continual opportunity to share their industry perspectives and make recommendations to the commissioner of DOT&PF.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,



Mike Barton  
Commissioner

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
 Bill Version: SB 133  
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: DOT&PF  
 Title Establish Aviation Advisory Board RDU Administration & Support  
in Statute Component Commissioner's Office  
 Sponsor House Rules  
 Requester Governor's Office Component No. 530

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

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
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>						
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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						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<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 (FY2005) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

The Department of Transportation has issued a zero fiscal note for this legislation due to the fact that DOT/PF has already requested \$20,000 of general funds in its 2006 operating budget. The amount would cover board member per diem and travel, and minor room rental and supplies expenses.

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 Agency: Commissioner, DOT&PF

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 2  
 Bill Version: SB 133  
 (S) Publish Date: 4/25/05

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: DOT&PF  
 Title Aviation Advisory Board RDU Administration & Support  
 Component Advisory Boards  
 Sponsor Senate Rules  
 Requester Senate Finance Component No. 2786

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

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0
Contractual	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Supplies	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</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	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0

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

The amount shown covers board member per diem and travel, minor room rental, supplies, and teleconference costs.

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 Agency: Commissioner, DOT&PF



March 15, 2005

Nona Wilson  
Legislative Liaison  
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Juneau, AK 99801-7898

Dear Ms. Wilson:

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) is a membership association consisting of over 400,000 pilots and aircraft owners nationwide, 4,600 of whom reside in the state of Alaska. AOPA is committed to ensuring the continued viability, growth, and development of aviation and airports in Alaska and the United States.

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association strongly supports Senate Bill 133, regarding the establishment of an aviation advisory board for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. Given the huge role that aviation plays in the transportation system of Alaska, it is vital to have a forum for the aviation community to provide input on policy and management issues to the department.

On behalf of the 4,600 AOPA members in Alaska, we thank Governor Murkowski for sponsoring this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom George". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "T" and "G".

Tom George  
Alaska Regional Representative

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## SB 133 Sectional Analysis

### Section 1:

This creates a new article in AS 44, consisting of six new statutory sections, to permanently establish the Aviation Advisory Board within the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

**AS 44.42.210(a)** provides that the purpose of the board is to advise and provide recommendations to the commissioner on public policy related to the department's exercise of its aviation functions.

**AS 44.42.210(b)** specifically requires the commissioner to consult with the advisory board with respect to candidates to fill, on a permanent basis, the position of chief administrative officer of the Ted Stevens Anchorage and Fairbanks International Airports.

**AS 44.42.220(a)** states that the board shall meet at least once a year, or more frequently as determined appropriate by the chair of the board, to carry out its advisory functions.

**AS 44.42.220(a) and (b)** also provides that meetings and records of the board are subject to public meetings and public records laws.

**AS 44.42.230(a)** adds one additional member to the board for the purposes of having a tie-breaking vote. This section increases board membership from 10 to 11 members. All members serve at the pleasure of the governor.

**AS 44.42.230(a)(1) through AS 44.42.230(a)(10)** establishes those sectors from which membership shall be drawn:

- One member representing a statewide trade association of air carriers
- One member representing a statewide membership organization of pilots, aircraft owners, and other aviation supporters, organized to promote noncommercial aviation in the state
- One member representing air carriers signatory to the Alaska International Airport System operating agreement
- One member who owns or is employed by an Alaska regional air carrier
- One community leader residing in the unorganized borough of the state
- One member to represent the mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage
- A member to jointly represent the mayors of the City of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks North Star Borough
- A member to represent the tenants of the Alaska International Airport System, but does not represent an air carrier
- One member representing an air carrier engaged exclusively in the air cargo business in the state
- Two members who represent other interests that the governors determines appropriate to advise on aviation activities in the state

**AS 44.42.230(b)** requires the governor to appoint at least one member from each of the four judicial districts of the state in order to provide geographic balance on the board.

**AS 44.42.230(c)** provides that the governor designate a chair from among board members, or, at the governor's request, allows for the board to elect a chair from among its members who are not state employees or officers.

**AS 44.42.230(d)** provide for board members to be appointed to staggered three-year terms and to serve until a successor is appointed.

**AS 44.42.240** provides that board service is uncompensated, but board members who are not state employees or officers are entitled to payment of travel expenses and per diem as provided in AS 39.20.180 for members of boards and commissions.

**AS 44.42.290** Defines the "Alaska International Airport System" as the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport and the Fairbanks International Airport. "Board" means the Aviation Advisory Board established in AS 44.42.200.

**Section 2:**

The Revisor's Instruction provides for designation of existing AS 44.42.010 – AS 44.42.080 as article 1 of AS 44.42 under the heading "Article 1. Department Organization and Functions." Section 2 also designates AS 44.42.900 as article 3 of AS 44.42 under the heading "Article 3. General Provisions."

**Section 3:**

Effective date as per AS 01.10.070(c).