

**HJR**

**47**

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

**HJR 47** – Urging the United States Coast Guard to amend its regulations relating to small vessels transporting fuel and supplies to remote communities and businesses in the state

HJR 47 asks the United States Coast Guard to amend its regulations to allow for small vessels to simultaneously carry fuel, cargo and passengers and be constructed of aluminum.

The delivery of supplies to communities, homes and businesses in rural Alaska can be costly. Most supplies get to these remote communities and businesses via large barge companies or plane and within this transportation sector there is a niche that can be exploited by smaller vessels to carry supplies that are too big for a plane but does not warrant the use of a large tug and barge operation.

Current federal laws and regulations do not allow this. While 46 USC 3302(i)(1) does provide for single vessel exemptions, the law prohibits what can be a successful sector of the transportation industry in Alaska.

This legislation asks the federal government to take into consideration the transportation challenges of Alaska and its effect on the state's economy. I urge your support.

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# FISCAL NOTE

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Identifier (file name) : HJR47-DOT-CO-3-23-10  
 Title Small Vessel Cargo Exemption  
 Sponsor Rep. Johansen  
 Requester H TRA  
 Dept. Affected: DOT&PF  
 RDU Administration and Support  
 Component Commissioner's Office  
 Component Number 530

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

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
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>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 Interagency Receipts								
<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>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

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

There is no fiscal impact to the department.

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