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Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HCSSB024-DOT-MVO-4-8-13
Title: MARINE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Sponsor: STEVENS
Requester: House Finance Committee

Department: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
Appropriation: Marine Highway System
Allocation: Marine Vessel Operations
OMB Component Number: 2604

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2014 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel	2.5		2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Services	0.5		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	3.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund	3.0		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Total	3.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues								
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

The analysis reflects the house committee substitute language. There are no changes to expenditures.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

The Marine Transportation Advisory Board (MTAB) currently consists of 11 members. The Legislature proposes adding one additional member to the MTAB to represent Southcentral Alaska. The bill also changes the qualifications of one existing board member from a retired marine captain or marine engineer to a marine captain or marine engineer with 20 or more years of experience.

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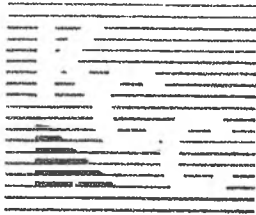


Sponsor Statement for Senate Bill 24
“An Act relating to the Alaska Marine Transportation Advisory Board”

Senate Bill 24 alters the makeup of the Alaska Marine Transportation Advisory Board (MTAB) by adding a twelfth seat designated for a representative from Southcentral Alaska (Homer, Kodiak, Old Harbor, Ouzinkie, Port Lions and Seldovia). The bill separates these communities from their current inclusion in the Southwest Alaska region MTAB designated seat, to create the new seat. The bill also adds Gustavus to the list of communities from which a person can be appointed to represent the northern Southeast Alaska district on the board.

Originally created by executive order in 2003, MTAB was set in statute in 2009. Among the board's functions are working with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities on a strategic plan related to the Alaska Marine Highway System's (AMHS) mission, objectives, initiatives and performance goals. MTAB meetings often serve as a forum for public comments regarding AMHS scheduling matters.

While not guaranteeing a position on the MTAB board to a resident of a particular Kodiak Island or Kachemak Bay community, it does afford them a better opportunity to have representation than currently available in the larger Southwest district. The addition of Gustavus to northern Southeast Alaska district will have the same effect. This is straightforward legislation intended to help communities who rely on AMHS service obtain a seat at the table and a chance for their voices to be heard. I urge your support of this legislation.



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Support

January 24, 2013

Senator Gary Stevens
State of Alaska 28th Legislature
State Capitol Room 429
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Senator Stevens,

The Kodiak Chamber of Commerce supports S.B. 24 – a bill expanding the Marine Transportation Advisory Board (MTAB) from 11 seats to 12, providing the Southcentral Region with an additional seat.

The Kodiak Chamber of Commerce's membership includes over 350 individuals, businesses and organizations throughout the Kodiak region. The Chamber promotes the development of a strong and diverse economy for the region. The Alaska Marine Highway system is a vital link in our economy, transporting people, goods and vehicles to and from the mainland and many communities throughout the region.

Currently, representation for western Alaska on the MTAB is covered by a Prince William Sound/Kenai Peninsula seat and a Southwest Alaska seat for 18 communities from Cordova to Dutch Harbor. The Chamber of Commerce supports the creation of an additional seat on the MTAB that would represent the Southern Kenai and Kodiak areas. These regions consist of 6 communities including: Kodiak, Homer, Seldovia, Port Lions, Ouzinkie, and Old Harbor. By adding one additional representative for this area, the state would have a total of three representatives for the 18 Western communities currently served by AMHS. This greater level of representation on the MTAB is vital for a better understanding of regional needs, and matching those needs with the outstanding service provided by the M/V Tustumena and M/V Kennicott.

We believe that the additional representation, provided by in S.B. 24, is vital to MTAB's responsiveness to our region. Understanding our region, coupled with AMHS service will provide us additional tools that will contribute to regional economic growth and development. We would like to encourage all State Senators and Representatives to vote for S.B. 24.

Yours in economic prosperity,

Lindsay Knight
President - Kodiak Chamber of Commerce

Dedicated to Kodiak's Economic Future



February 19, 2013

Senator Gary Stevens
State of Alaska 28th Legislature
State Capitol Room 429
Juneau, Ak 99801

Dear Senator Stevens,

The Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, representing over 500 businesses, individuals and organizations, would like to voice their support for S.B. 24 – a bill expanding the Marine Transportation Advisory Board from 11 to 12 seats and providing the Southcentral Region with an additional seat.

Our Chamber supports the creation of an additional set on the MTAB that would give representation to the Southern Kenai Peninsula and Kodiak areas. The ports and communities of Homer, Kodiak, Seldovia, Port Lions, Ouzinkie, and Old Harbor would all benefit and feel as though they have a voice on this very important board.

Understanding who we are, the ins and outs of our respective communities, and the importance of the Alaska Marine Highway to each of those communities is vital for us going forward. It will provide us with additional tools that will contribute to the economic growth and development of our entire region.

Respectfully,

Executive Director
Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

Doug Letch

From: ian41270@gmail.com on behalf of Seldovia Chamber <seldoviachamber@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 11:30 AM
To: Doug Letch
Subject: Re: SB 24

Hello Doug,

I wanted to let you know that the Seldovia Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously in support of SB24. This important measure would allow for better representation of communities who depend so heavily on the AMHS for their economic livelihood.

Sincerely,
Ian McGaughey
President, Seldovia Chamber of Commerce