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Sponsor Statement for Senate Bill 31

**“An Act naming the runway at the state-owned airport in Akhiok
the Jim Andie and Robin Starrett Memorial Runway”**

Senate Bill 31 will name the airstrip in the southwest Kodiak Island Community of Akhiok the Jim Andie and Robin Starrett Memorial Runway. This bill has been introduced at the request of the residents of Akhiok, who wish to honor the memory of two pilots who were well-known and greatly respected in the community.

Jim Andie grew up in California and worked in many jobs in the Western United States until finally realizing his dream by becoming an Alaska bush pilot. Tragically, Jim lost his life in a plane crash on Kodiak Island in September, 2011.

Robin Starrett followed a distinguished career in the United States Army with service in the U.S. Coast Guard before retiring in 2004 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. His later years were spent as a bush pilot in the Kodiak area. Robin passed away in a plane crash in January, 2008.

SB 31 is a small bill, but one with great meaning to the community of Akhiok. I urge you to join me in honoring the community's wishes and the memory of these two gentlemen whose lives greatly touched so many others by supporting this bill.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 31
Fiscal Note Number: 1
(S) Publish Date: 2/8/13

Identifier: SB031-DOT-CRHA-2-1-2013
Title: NAMING AKHIOK RUNWAY
Sponsor: STEVENS
Requester: Senate Transportation Committee

Department: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
Appropriation: Highways, Aviation and Facilities
Allocation: Central Region Highways and Aviation
OMB Component Number: 564

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								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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:

This is the initial version of the bill.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #1

**STATE OF ALASKA
2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

BILL NO. SB 31

Analysis

This bill would name the runway at the state-owned airport in Akhiok the Jim Andie and Robin Starrett Memorial Runway.

This bill has no fiscal impact on the department. It was discussed with the sponsor that DOTPF would not be making a sign.

Bill proposed to rename Akhiok runway in memory of dead pilots

by James Brooks/ editor@kodiakdailymirror.com

If one new bill passes the Alaska Legislature, a rural runway will soon memorialize two pilots killed while flying over Kodiak.

Among the Kodiak bills in the Legislature this year is Senate Bill 31, which will name the Jim Andie and Robin Starrett Memorial Runway in Akhiok. The bill was introduced by Sen. Gary Stevens and has been referred to the senate's transportation committee for debate.

Linda Amodo, the mayor of Akhiok, proposed the renaming and said it would be a fitting tribute to two pilots who served Akhiok and the archipelago's other rural settlements.

"We wanted to show Servant Air and their families as well as their communities that our hearts were with them," she said.

The idea for the runway renaming came last year but wasn't finished in time to be introduced during last year's legislative session. "By the time we figured out what the necessary steps were, the Legislature was over," Amodo said.

Amodo is Servant Air's agent in Akhiok, and she knew both Andie and Starrett from their trips to town. When they flew to Akhiok, she was there to greet them with coffee, and if weather forced them to stay longer, she offered shelter from the rain.

"I got to know them pretty well," she said.

Starrett was killed Jan. 5, 2008 when the nose baggage door of his Piper Navajo popped open shortly after takeoff from Kodiak State Airport. Five passengers also died in the accident, while four others survived the Kodiak's worst air disaster in recent memory.

Andie died in Sept. 2011 after his aircraft struck a tree near Heitman Lake. Two passengers survived that accident with injuries.

Before their deaths, the pair were on the roster of well-known Kodiak pilots who keep the archipelago's remote settlements and lodges connected to town.

Once the runway renaming passes the Legislature, Amodo plans to hold a dedication ceremony this summer in Akhiok.

A gold-lettered sign will be built next to the runway, and Amodo plans to invite friends and family of the two pilots to attend a barbecue on the runway.

Doug Letch

From: Linda Amodo <city_of_akhiok@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 10:22 AM
To: Doug Letch
Subject: naming of Akhioks runway

Greeting Legislators,

In the past 5 years we have lost 2 very close friends of ours at Akhiok who were pilots that served our community with good faith and commitment, they were shining examples of what humanity truly is, the first pilot who lost his life near Kodiak was

Robin Starrett, who served in the Coast Guard for many years and upon retirement went to flying to serve the communities on Kodiak Island, he was a great man! and we wish to honor who he was by naming our runway after him, and another pilot who lost his life near Kodiak too was Jim Andie who was co-owner/pilot in Kodiak, he was a great friend of everyone from the Kodiak villages, and a personal good friend of everyone from Akhiok, he always treated everyone with respect and honor and everyone from our elders to children loved him, and are still deeply effected by his death, It was brought to the attention of the City of Akhiok Mayor and Vice Mayor by commmunity memebbers that we name our runway after these 2 great pilots whom everyone cared for deeply and were saddened by their loss of life,

We would appreciate it very much if you all vote on helping our community show our respect and honor by getting our runway named the "Robin Starrett & Jim Andie memorial runway"

Respectfully,
Linda Amodo
City Mayor