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January 19, 2016

Honorable Representative Bob Lynn
State Capitol, Rm 108
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Lynn:

I respectfully request a hearing on House Bill 259 in the House State Affairs Committee at your earliest convenience.

HB 259 proposes to provide increased federal benefits, consistent with the current benefits Congress has made available under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4622), payable to a person or a business displaced by a federally assisted project or program. This bill proposes to provide these increased benefits to Alaskans and Alaskan businesses.

Included with this hearing request is a copy of House Bill 259, and appropriate support materials. If you have any questions, please contact my staff, Mike Lesmann, at 465-4772.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marc Luiken".

Marc Luiken
Commissioner

cc: Mike Lesmann, DOT&PF Legislative Liaison

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Enclosures

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January 18, 2016

The Honorable Mike Chenault
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Chenault:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to relocation assistance for federally assisted projects and programs.

The bill would allow an increase of the maximum relocation benefits available to a person or a business displaced by federally assisted projects and programs. Congress increased the maximum relocation benefits available under 42 U.S.C. 4601 - 4655 (Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970), which are payable to a person or business displaced by a federally assisted project or program. The bill proposes to provide these increased federal benefits to Alaskans and Alaska businesses.

Further, the bill would provide that a displaced person or business in the state would be retroactively eligible for an increased federal maximum benefit for relocation expenses incurred after October 1, 2014, which is when the increased maximum federal benefit became available.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".

Bill Walker
Governor

Enclosure

Nancy Manly

From: Lesmann, Mike (DOT) <mike.lesmann@alaska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 7:50 PM
To: Nancy Manly
Subject: RE: HB259 hearing request

Nancy,

Thanks for your voice message. I apologize for the lack of detail.

This bill is about right-of-way issues the Department encounters when, for example, it needs to offer a property owner fair market value for a piece of their land/dwelling/business that aligns with a state project. The bill would amend former payment limits for relocation benefits to displaced persons and aligns qualification periods for homeowners, tenants, and occupants with the definitions set forth in federal law.

Please let me know if you need further information. Thanks much.

Mike Lesmann

Legislative Liaison
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From: Lesmann, Mike (DOT)
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 2:31 PM
To: Manly, Nancy S (LAA)
Subject: HB259 hearing request
Importance: High

Hi Nancy,

Respectfully requesting a hearing for HB 259 in House State Affairs at your earliest convenience. Please see the attached documents.

I will be by the office to hand deliver original documents later this afternoon.

Thank you.

Mike Lesmann

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version HB 259
Fiscal Note Number _____
() Publish Date _____

Identifier (file name) HB259-DOT-DES-1-19-16 Dept. Affected DOT&PF
Title Relocation assistance for federally assisted projects/programs Appropriation Design, Engineering & Construction
Allocation Stwd Design and Engineering Services
Sponsor Rules by Request of the Governor
Requester Governor OMB Component Number 2357

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	FY17 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY17 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY17	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
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

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002	Federal Receipts						
1003	GF Match						
1004	GF						
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)						
1007	I/A Rcpts (Other)						
1178	temp code (UGF)						
		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES							

Estimated **SUPPLEMENTAL (FY16) operating costs** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated **CAPITAL (FY17) costs** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

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? N/A Discuss details in analysis section.

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Initial version.

Prepared by Mike Lesmann
Division Commissioner's Office
Approved by Mary Siroky
Agency DOT&PF

Phone 465-4772
Date/Time 1/19/16 12:00 AM
Date 1/19/2016

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

There is no impact to the operating budget.

The increased relocation costs will be absorbed within existing capital program funding.