

**HB**

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REPRESENTATIVE CATHY TILTON  
ALASKA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

### HOUSE BILL 319

*"An Act relating to registration fees for snowmobiles and off-highway vehicles."*

**Section 1.** Deletes a biennial snowmobile registration fee from a paragraph in current law that sets it at \$10.

**Section 2.** Adds a new paragraph in current law that would set a biennial snowmobile registration fee at \$20.

**Section 3.** Amends current law to allow a six-year snowmobile registration fee of \$50.

*Kindly note that a sectional analysis of a bill or resolution should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the measure itself. The legislation is the best statement of its contents.*



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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

### HOUSE BILL 319

*"An Act relating to registration fees for snowmobiles and off-highway vehicles."*

Passage of House Bill 319 would increase two-year snowmobile registration fees from \$10 to \$20 and allow a six-year registration fee of \$50.

The measure has support from snow machine users as a way to help the state during cash-strapped times and back funding to develop and maintain snowmobile trails and provide safety and educational programs.

Current snowmobile registration fees generate up to \$250,000 a year for the Snowmobile Trail Development Program which is managed by the Department of Natural Resources' Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation and the nine-member Snowmobile Trails Advisory Council (SnowTRAC).

SnowTRAC approved a resolution last August in support of the provisions of HB 319, saying Alaska's snowmobile trails program is revenue-neutral, self-funded, and user-based. The council also said the demands for trail maintenance, development, and safety continue to grow and that support for winter trails brings increased business and recreational opportunities to communities across the state. Indeed, according to the governor's office, snowmobiling is one of Alaska's fastest growing outdoor activities.

HB 319 helps promote this popular activity and enjoys support from users who are willing to pay more for a service they need and enjoy.

**Registration fee for snow machines**  
**AS 28.014.421. Registration fee rates**

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**Sec. 28.10.421. Registration fee rates.**

(a) Unless otherwise provided by law,

(1) the fees prescribed in this section shall be paid to the department at the times provided under AS 28.10.108 and 28.10.111; and

(2) an additional fee of \$10 shall be added to the registration fee set out in this section for registration not conducted by mail, on the department's Internet website, or at an emissions inspection station or contract office offering vehicle registration services; the department may waive this additional fee for a good cause based on criteria established in regulations adopted by the department.

(b) [See delayed amendment note]. The biennial registration fees under this subsection are imposed within the following classifications for

(1) a vehicle not exceeding 10,000 pounds unladen weight as established by the manufacturer's advertised weight or on the actual weight, which the owner shall furnish, subject to the approval of the commissioner or the commissioner's representative that is a

(A) passenger vehicle, low-speed vehicle, pick-up truck, truck, or van not used or maintained for the transportation of persons or property for hire or for other commercial use and not registered in the name of a company or business .....

\$100;

(B) a taxicab ..... \$160;

(2) a motor home not used or maintained for the transportation of persons or property for hire or for other commercial use and not registered in the name of a company or business .....

\$100;

(3) a motor bus with a seating capacity of

(A) less than 20 persons and used exclusively for commercial purposes in the transporting of visitors or tourists .....

\$100;

(B) 20 or more persons and used exclusively for commercial purposes in the transporting of visitors or tourists .....

\$300;

(4) a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle ..... \$60.

(c) [See delayed amendment note]. The biennial registration fees under this subsection are imposed for a vehicle not subject to registration under (b) of this section and are based on the actual unladen weight as established by the manufacturer's advertised weight or on the actual weight, which the owner shall furnish, subject to the approval of the commissioner or the commissioner's representative, as follows:

(1) up to and including 5,000 pounds ..... \$180;

(2) more than 5,000 pounds to and including 12,000 pounds .... \$268;

(3) more than 12,000 pounds to and including 18,000 pounds ... \$516;

(4) more than 18,000 pounds ..... \$662.

**(d) The special registration fees under this subsection are imposed biennially, unless otherwise specified, for**

(1) a historic vehicle registered under

(A) AS 28.10.181(b)(1) and that is driven or moved on a highway for the primary purpose of historical exhibition or similar activity, one

time only upon initial registration under AS 28.10.181(b) .... \$10;

(B) AS 28.10.181(b)(2) ..... \$30

plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b) of this section, unless the historic vehicle is eligible for the fee described under (C) of this paragraph; the fee required by this subparagraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and on the replacement of the historic plates;

(C) AS 28.10.181(b)(2) and that is driven or moved on a highway for the primary purpose of historical exhibition or similar activity, one time only upon initial registration under AS 28.10.181(b) .... \$10;

(2) special request plates for

(A) Alaska National Guard personnel ..... \$30;

(B) veterans, retired veterans, or Lao veterans ..... \$30;

(C) recipients of the Purple Heart ..... none;

(D) owners of custom collector vehicles ..... \$50;

(E) Iditarod race finishers ..... \$50;

(F) other special request plates ..... \$30;

plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b) of this section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and on the replacement of special request plates;

(3) a vehicle owned by a person with a disability and registered under AS 28.10.181(d), or by a resident 65 years of age or older who files a written application for an exemption on a form prescribed by the department .....

none;

(4) a vehicle owned by the state ..... none;

(5) a vehicle owned by an elected state official ..... the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section;

(6) a vehicle owned by a rancher, farmer, or dairyman and registered under AS 28.10.181 ..... \$68;

**(7) a snowmobile or off-highway vehicle ..... \$10;**

(8) See delayed amendment note. an amateur mobile radio station vehicle,

(A) with a transceiver capable of less than 5-band operation .....

the fee required for that vehicle under (b) or (c) of this section;

(B) in recognition of service to the public a mobile amateur radio station owned by an amateur with general class or higher license, provided the station must be satisfactorily proved capable of operating on at least five bands from 160 through 10 meters, must have an antenna, and must have a power supply and wiring as a permanent part of the vehicle; the transmitting unit may be removed from the car for service or dry storage .....

none

for a mobile amateur radio station vehicle included in (b)(1)(A) of this section;

(9) dealer registration plates

(A) the initial set of plates ..... \$88;

(B) each subsequent set of plates ..... \$50;

(10) a vehicle owned by a municipality or charitable organization meeting the requirements of AS 28.10.181(e) ..... \$10;

(11) a vehicle owned by a Pearl Harbor survivor, a former prisoner of war, a recipient of the Medal of Honor awarded by the President of the United States in the name of the United States Congress, or the spouse, parent, guardian, brother, sister, or dependent of a member of the United States armed forces killed in the line of duty ..... none;

(12) special request university plates ..... \$50  
plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or  
(i) of this section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be  
collected only on the first issuance and on the replacement of special  
request plates; the commissioner of administration shall separately  
account by university campus designation for the fees received under  
this paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund; the  
annual estimated balance in the accounts that is in excess of the cost  
of issuing special request university plates may be appropriated by the  
legislature for the support of programs at each campus;

(13) special request dog mushing plates ..... \$50  
plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or  
(i) of this section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be  
collected only on the first issuance and on the replacement of special  
request plates; the commissioner of administration shall separately  
account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department  
deposits in the general fund; notwithstanding (g) of this section, the  
annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost  
of issuing special request plates may be appropriated by the  
legislature for the support of programs benefiting dog mushing;

(14) special request Alaska children's trust plates ..... \$100  
plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or  
(i) of this section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be  
collected only on the first issuance and the replacement of special  
request plates; the commissioner of administration shall separately  
account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department  
deposits in the general fund; notwithstanding (g) of this section, the  
annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost  
of issuing special request plates may be appropriated by the  
legislature into the Alaska children's trust grant account established  
in AS 37.14.205;

(15) special request plates commemorating the arts ..... \$150  
plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or  
(i) of this section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be  
collected biennially in the same manner as the fee required under (b),  
(c), (h), or (i) of this section; the commissioner of administration  
shall separately account for the fees received under this paragraph  
that the department deposits in the general fund; notwithstanding (g)  
of this section, the annual estimated balance in the account that is in  
excess of the cost of issuing special request plates may be  
appropriated by the legislature for the support of programs benefiting  
the arts;

(16) special request plates commemorating Alaska veterans ..... \$100  
plus a fee of \$35 and the fee required for that vehicle under  
(b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the \$100 fee required by this  
paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance of and the  
replacement of the commemorative veterans' plates; the \$35 fee required  
by this paragraph shall be collected biennially in the same manner as  
the fee required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the  
commissioner of administration shall separately account for the fees  
received under this paragraph that the department deposits in the  
general fund; notwithstanding (g) of this section, the annual estimated  
balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of issuing special  
request plates may be appropriated by the legislature to the Alaska  
veterans' cemetery fund created under AS 37.05.600 and for the support  
of programs benefiting Alaska veterans;

- (17) special request plates commemorating and supporting troops ..... \$40  
plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the \$40 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected on issuance and biennial renewal in the same manner as the fee required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the commissioner of administration shall separately account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund; notwithstanding (g) of this section, the annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request plates may be appropriated by the legislature to the organization for which the specialty license plate was purchased for the benefit of Alaska troops and their families;
- (18) See delayed amendment note. special request plates for firefighter and emergency medical service provider ..... \$30;  
plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance of and the replacement of the plates;
- (19) special request fraternal organization member plates ..... \$50  
plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the \$50 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance of and the replacement of the plates;
- (20) special request United States flag 'In God We Trust' plates ..... \$30  
plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be collected biennially in the same manner as the fee required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section;
- (21) special request National Rifle Association plates ..... \$50  
plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the \$50 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and the replacement of the special request plates; a \$30 fee shall be collected biennially thereafter in the same manner as the fee required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the commissioner shall separately account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department deposits into the general fund; notwithstanding (g) of this section, the annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request plates may be appropriated by the legislature to establish and maintain a scholastic clay target program and for other youth shooting programs;
- (22) special request breast cancer awareness plates ..... \$50  
plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the \$50 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and the replacement of the special request plates; the commissioner shall separately account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department deposits into the general fund; notwithstanding (g) of this section, the annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request plates may be appropriated by the legislature to programs that provide screening for breast and cervical cancer;
- (23) special request 'Choose Life' plates ..... \$30  
plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be

collected biennially in the same manner as the fee required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the commissioner shall separately account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund; the annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request 'Choose Life' plates may be appropriated by the legislature to programs supporting or benefiting adoption;

(24) special request 'Pro-Family, Pro-Choice' plates .....  
\$30

plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be collected biennially in the same manner as the fee required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the commissioner shall separately account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund; the annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request "Pro-Family, Pro-Choice" plates may be appropriated to the Alaska Children's Trust (AS 37.14.200).

(e) A vehicle registered under this section which, by the removal of seats, a camper unit, a canopy or other equipment, may be converted into a vehicle on which the registration fee is computed on a different basis or in a different amount may not be driven or moved with seats, camper unit, canopy or other equipment removed unless the other applicable registration fee is paid.

(f) In addition to the fees imposed under (b) and (d) of this section, the following special biennial registration fee is imposed upon renewal of registration for a passenger vehicle, motor home, pick-up truck, or a van with special request Winter Olympics commemorative plates ..... \$60.

(g) The fees collected by the department under this section shall be deposited in the general fund. The Department of Administration shall separately account for three percent of the fees collected under this section and deposited in the general fund. The annual estimated balance in the account may be used by the legislature to make appropriations for administration of AS 28.10.021(a) and AS 28.22 (Alaska Mandatory Automobile Insurance Act).

(h) The annual registration fees under this subsection for vehicles, including low-speed vehicles, used for commercial purposes are imposed and are based upon the actual unladen weight as established by the manufacturer's advertised weight or upon the actual weight, which the owner shall furnish, subject to the approval of the commissioner or the commissioner's representative, as follows:

- (1) up to and including 5,000 pounds ..... \$90;
- (2) more than 5,000 pounds to and including 12,000 pounds .... \$134;
- (3) more than 12,000 pounds to and including 18,000 pounds ... \$258;
- (4) more than 18,000 pounds ..... \$331.

(i) A one-time registration fee of \$20 is imposed upon initial registration for a trailer or semi-trailer used for commercial purposes.

(j) [Effective January 1, 2015]. When a person registers a trailer not used or maintained for the transportation of persons or property for hire or for other commercial use, including a boat trailer, baggage trailer, box trailer, utility trailer, house trailer, travel trailer, or trailer rented or offered for rent, the person may choose to pay a biennial registration fee of \$30 or, if the person resides within the unorganized borough or in a municipality that elects, by passage of an appropriate ordinance, to allow the permanent registration of motor vehicles, to register the trailer permanently. If the person permanently registers the trailer, the person shall pay the biennial registration fee plus a permanent registration fee of \$25. If the person permanently registers the trailer, no additional registration fees are required if the same person who initially registered the trailer continues to own the trailer. A new owner of a trailer previously registered under this subsection shall register and pay the biennial registration fee or the permanent registration fee as provided in this subsection. The motor vehicle registration tax for a permanently registered trailer is the rate established for permanent trailer

registration under AS 28.10.431(j). If a municipality has not established a tax for a permanently registered trailer, the biennial rate established in AS 28.10.431(b) or (j), if any, is levied upon the trailer and is payable only once at the time a trailer is permanently registered. If the person pays the registration tax as required by this subsection and AS 28.10.431, no additional registration taxes are required if the same person who initially registered the trailer continues to own the trailer.

**Snow machine law**  
**AS 28.39 Snowmobiles**

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**Chapter 28.39 SNOWMOBILES**

**Sec. 28.39.010. Snowmobile registration.** (a) Except as provided in this subsection, a person may not operate a snowmobile within the state unless the snowmobile has been registered and numbered as required by this chapter. Registration under this subsection is not required for a snowmobile owned by the United States.

(b) A person who violates (a) of this section is guilty of an infraction and is subject to a \$300 fine under AS 28.90.010(c).

**Sec. 28.39.020. Authority of department; registration agents; registration applications.** (a) The department is authorized to assign identification numbers and register snowmobiles.

(b) The department shall authorize agents, including snowmobile dealers, to register snowmobiles. The department may authorize a snowmobile dealer authorized as an agent for snowmobile registration to issue temporary and permanent registrations, and to renew registrations.

(c) A snowmobile dealer shall require a purchaser of a new or used snowmobile sold at retail to complete a registration application and pay the registration fee before the snowmobile leaves the dealer's premises unless the snowmobile is exempt from registration or a registration fee under this chapter.

(d) In a manner set out in this chapter and as may be prescribed by the department, an authorized agent shall accept a registration application and registration fee, issue a registration, and forward the application and registration fee to the department.

**(e) The original and each renewal registration fee for a snowmobile is as provided under AS 28.10.421, except that the fee shall be multiplied by two for a four-year registration and multiplied by three for a six-year registration.**

**Sec. 28.39.030. Proof of ownership for registration purposes.** The department may require proof of ownership of the snowmobile before registering a snowmobile under this chapter.

**Sec. 28.39.040. Issuance of a certificate of registration and decals; inspection of registration; expiration of registration.** (a) Upon receipt of a completed application for registration of a snowmobile, the department shall record the registration of the snowmobile under a number assigned to the snowmobile by the department. A number assigned to a snowmobile at the time of the original registration must remain with the snowmobile until the snowmobile is destroyed, abandoned, or permanently removed from the state or until the registration number is changed or terminated by the department.

(b) The department shall issue a registration without the payment of a fee if the snowmobile is owned by a state agency, a political subdivision of the state, or another state. The department may, upon request, issue a registration without the payment of a fee if the snowmobile is owned by the United States.

(c) The department shall, upon assignment of a registration number, issue and deliver to the owner a certificate of registration in a form prescribed by the department. A certificate of registration is not valid unless it is signed by the person who signed the application for registration.

(d) At the issuance of the original certificate of registration and upon renewal, the department shall issue to the registrant a validation decal indicating the validity of the current registration and the expiration date. A validation decal must be affixed to the snowmobile in the manner prescribed by the department. A snowmobile is not validly registered under this chapter unless a validation decal and current registration have been issued as required by this section.

(e) A snowmobile shall display the registration number assigned to it at all times in the manner prescribed by the department.

(f) While operating a snowmobile that is required to be registered under this chapter, a person shall have in possession or carry in the snowmobile a valid registration. Upon demand by a peace officer authorized to enforce this chapter, a person operating a snowmobile shall produce for inspection the certificate of registration for the snowmobile and furnish to the peace officer any information necessary for the identification of the snowmobile and its owner.

(g) A snowmobile owner holding a certificate of registration shall notify the department in writing of a change of residence within 15 days after the change occurs.

(h) A snowmobile may be registered for two, four, or six years. A snowmobile registration expires at the end of the last season for which it is issued. An application for renewal of registration for the succeeding years must be made at a time and in a form prescribed by the department.

(i) The department may issue a replacement certificate of registration if the owner demonstrates to the department that the original certificate has been lost, mutilated, or destroyed.

**Sec. 28.39.050. Change of ownership; used snowmobiles held for resale; termination of use.** (a) If there is a change of ownership of a snowmobile, the seller and buyer shall fill out the transfer of ownership section of the registration, and the seller shall sign over the registration to the new owner. The seller shall promptly submit the transfer of ownership section to the department, and the department shall issue a new certificate of registration to the new owner.

(b) This chapter does not require a snowmobile dealer to renew the registration of a used snowmobile held solely for purposes of resale until the snowmobile is resold.

(c) An owner of a snowmobile registered under this chapter shall notify the department in writing of the termination of use, destruction, or permanent removal of the snowmobile from the state within 15 days after the termination of use, destruction, or removal.

**Sec. 28.39.060. Regulations authorized.** The commissioner shall adopt regulations governing the registration of snowmobiles and display of registration numbers on snowmobiles as may be necessary to carry out this chapter.

**Sec. 28.39.250. Definitions.** In this chapter,

- (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of administration;
- (2) "dealer" means a person engaged in the business of selling snowmobiles predominantly for purposes other than resale;
- (3) "department" means the Department of Administration;
- (4) "operate" means to ride in or on and control the operation of a snowmobile;
- (5) "operator" means a person who operates or is in actual physical control of a snowmobile;
- (6) "owner" means a person, other than a lienholder, having title to a snowmobile and who is entitled to the use or possession of the snowmobile;
- (7) "possession" means physical custody of a snowmobile by an owner of a snowmobile or by an owner of a motor vehicle or trailer on or in which a snowmobile is placed for the purpose of transport;
- (8) "retail" means the sale of a snowmobile for any purpose other than resale;
- (9) "season" means one calendar year beginning October 1 and ending September 30;
- (10) "snowmobile" means a self-propelled vehicle primarily designed or altered for travel on snow or ice when supported in part by skis, belts, or cleats; "snowmobile" does not include machinery used strictly for the grooming of snowmobile trails or ski slopes.

**Snowmobile Trail Development Program and Grants**

**FY2017 Request: \$250,000**  
**Reference No: 33690**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation **Project Type:** Parks / Recreation  
**Category:** Natural Resources  
**Location:** Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)  
**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact:** Fabienne Peter-Contesse  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2021 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Snowmobiling is one of Alaska's fastest growing outdoor activities and a very important transportation resource for rural communities. There is a growing demand to develop and maintain trails and trailheads to provide for safe riding opportunities and transportation routes, and to educate riders about safe riding practices. Funds for this program are provided by snowmobile registration fees paid by Alaskans. Funds are distributed in the form of matching grants for trail development and maintenance, trail marking and signing, safety education, and to establish legal trail easements.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2017</b>	<b>FY2018</b>	<b>FY2019</b>	<b>FY2020</b>	<b>FY2021</b>	<b>FY2022</b>	<b>Total</b>
1195 VehRcpts	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

- Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P5 L30 26 \$250,000
- Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P58 L30 119 \$226,800
- Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P72 L24 18 \$250,000
- Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P125 L29 160 \$250,000
- Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P93 L18 46 \$250,000
- Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P31 L29 230 \$250,000
- Sec1 Ch15 SLA2009 P18 L10 75 \$250,000
- Sec13 Ch29 SLA2008 P72 L31 221 \$250,000

**Project Description/Justification:**

This project provides reimbursable, matching grant funds for a highly popular and successful program for non-profit organizations, businesses, agencies, and local governments to groom snowmobile trails, trail easement acquisition, development and maintenance of trails and trail-related facilities, and provide for snowmobile safety and education programs statewide. Funds for this program are provided by snowmobile registration receipts varying between \$200,000 and \$250,000 paid by Alaskans annually. The Department of Administration, Division of Motor Vehicles collects receipts from snow machine registrations and each month an inter-agency transfer is made to the Division of

**Snowmobile Trail Development Program and Grants**

FY2017 Request:

**\$250,000**

Reference No:

**33690**

Parks and Outdoor Recreation. These receipts are accounted for in the capital budget, not the operating budget.

In FY2015 Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation awarded the following 17 snowmobile trail grooming grants totaling \$218,857.94.

Area	Organization	Amount Awarded
Big Lake	Alpine General Services	\$6,820.45
Big Lake	Big Lake Trails	\$14,888.41
Caribou Hills - North Kenai Peninsula	Cabin Hoppers	\$23,476.61
Denali Highway	Denali Highway Trail Club	\$11,390.85
Denali Highway	Denali – Alpine Creek Lodge	\$3,028.64
Hatcher Pass	Hatcher Pass Contract	\$17,379.38
Juneau Area	Trail Mix	\$6,314.88
Lake Louise area trails	Lake Louise Snowmachine Club	\$14,459.69
Lower Susitna River / Lower Yentna River	Dave Luce/ Luce's Lodge	\$11,411.07
Mid-Susitna Valley	Mid-Valley Trail Club	\$10,334.20
Montana Creek area trails	Montana Creek Motor Musers	\$4,292.58
Chena River State Recreation Area	DPOR Northern Region Contract	\$7,828.57
Petersville area	AK Snowcat	\$35,688.77
	Snomads	\$20,625.17

**Snowmobile Trail Development Program and Grants**

**FY2017 Request:**

**\$250,000**

**Reference No:**

**33690**

Caribou Hills - South  
Kenai Peninsula

Willow area trails Willow Trail  
Committee \$16,679.16

Upper Yentna River Yentna River  
Services \$4,891.18

Yukon Quest trail Yukon Quest Int.  
Fairbanks Ltd. \$9,348.33

**Total awarded \$218, 857.94**

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
71000 - Personal Services	\$25,500
72000 - Travel	
73000 - Contractual	
74000 - Commodities	
75000 - Capital Outlay	
77000 - Grants	\$224,500
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

**Position Detail:**

Partial funding for existing positions located in Anchorage  
(10-5021) Natural Resource Specialist III, PFT  
(10-5215) Grant Administrator II, PFT  
(10-5244) Accounting Tech II, PFT



# LAWS OF ALASKA

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**AN ACT**

Making and amending appropriations, including capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date.

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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Enrolled SB 26

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Funds	Funds
	*****	*****	
4	Emergency Medical Services Match for	500,000	500,000
5	Code Blue Project (HD 1-40)		
6	*****	*****	
7	<b>***** Department of Military and Veterans Affairs *****</b>		
8	*****	*****	
9	Army Guard Facilities Projects (HD 15)	15,150,000	15,150,000
10	Deferred Maintenance, Renewal, Repair	11,622,200	11,622,200
11	and Equipment (HD 1-40)		
12	State Homeland Security Grant Programs	4,500,000	4,500,000
13	(HD 1-40)		
14	*****	*****	
15	<b>***** Department of Natural Resources *****</b>		
16	*****	*****	
17	Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation	3,200,000	3,200,000
18	Federal Program (HD 1-40)		
19	Coastal Impact Assistance Program	5,000,000	5,000,000
20	Funds (HD 6)		
21	Cook Inlet Oil and Gas Resources and	800,000	400,000
22	Statewide Energy Database (HD 1-40)		400,000
23	Federal and Local Government Funded	1,800,000	1,800,000
24	Forest Resource and Fire Program		
25	Projects (HD 1-40)		
26	National Historic Preservation Fund	800,000	150,000
27	(HD 1-40)		650,000
28	National Recreational Trails Federal	1,700,000	200,000
29	Grant Program (HD 1-40)		1,500,000
30	Snowmobile Trail Development Program	250,000	250,000
31	and Grants (HD 1-40)		
32	Upgrade and Repair of Critical Volcano	500,000	500,000
33	Monitoring Instruments (HD 1-40)		

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Snowmobile Trails Grant Program

Updated April 2015

- What is the application deadline for the Snowmobile Trails Grant Program? July 1
- When can I expect to hear if my grant was awarded? ~October
- Is the public welcome at the SnowTRAC meeting where the funding is discussed? Yes
- Where can I get the information about the meeting? There will be a News Release posted on the ADNR website, the DPOR website, and on the State Trails Program website. You may also call 907-269-8699.
- How much can I request if I am applying for a Safety, Signing, Education, or Development, Maintenance, Acquisition and Assessment grant? \$15,000
- If I am applying for a Development, Maintenance, Acquisition and Assessment grant will match be required? How much? Yes, 25%
- If I am applying for a Safety and Education grant will match be required? No
  - Please see definition of Safety and Education Grant before applying.
- Is match required if I am applying for money to groom trails that are in the Grooming Pool? No
- Will I be required to detail my expenses when I apply for money from the Grooming Pool? Yes
- Can I apply to add trails to the Grooming Pool? Yes- but you must apply with the full application not the Grooming application.
- How will I know how my application is scored? See "Score Sheets" section on the [State Trails Program](#) webpage.
- Where can I find which trails already exist in the Grooming Pool?  
<http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/groompl.htm>
- Where can I find Grant Reporting Documents? On the [State Trails Program](#) webpage.
- Where can I see which grants were awarded in years past? On the [State Trails Program](#) webpage.

<b>Community Name</b>	<b># of registered snowmobiles</b>
AKIACHAK	14
AKIAK	3
ALAKANUK	19
ALEKNAGIK	22
ALEXANDER CREEK	8
ALLAKAKET	11
AMBLER	15
ANAK TUVUK PASS	26
ANCHOR POINT	142
ANCHORAGE	8,400
ANDERSON	49
ANIAK	30
ANVIK	7
ARCTIC VILLAGE	10
ATMAUTLUAK	7
ATQASUK	16
ATTU	2
AUKE BAY	3
BARROW	154
BEAVER	5
BETHEL	193
BETTLES FIELD	8
BIG LAKE	396
BIRD CREEK	11
BREVIK MISSION	2
BUCKLAND	17
CANTWELL	71
CENTRAL	26
CHALKYITSIK	1
CHASE	1
CHEFORNAK	8
CHENA HOT SPRINGS	1
CHENEGA BAY	1
CHEVAK	11
CHICKALOON	26
CHICKEN	7
CHIGNIK LAGOON	2
CHIGNIK LAKE	1
CHINIAK	2
CHISTOCHINA	2
CHITINA	14
CHUATHBALUK	2
CHUGIAK	1,040
CIRCLE	12
CLAM GULCH	36

CLEAR	13
COFFMAN COVE	5
COLD BAY	2
COLD FOOT	3
COOPER LANDING	40
COPPER CENTER	125
CORDOVA	72
CRAIG	22
CROOKED CREEK	3
DEAD HORSE	3
DEERING	5
DELTA JUNCTION	383
DENALI NATL PARK	23
DILLINGHAM	93
DOT LAKE	7
DOUGLAS	21
DUTCH HARBOR	1
EAGLE	21
EAGLE RIVER	2,048
EEK	4
EGEGIK	3
EIELSON AFB	214
EKWOK	1
ELIM	6
ELLAMAR	1
ELMENDORF AFB	20
EMMONAK	17
ESTER	52
EUREKA	1
EXCURSION INLET	1
FAIRBANKS	5,590
FERRY	1
FORT GREELY	22
FORT RICHARDSON	20
FORT WAINWRIGHT	280
FORT YUKON	28
FORTUNA LEDGE	3
FOX	1
FRITZ CREEK	5
GAKONA	54
GALENA	54
GAMBELL	8
GIRDWOOD	124
GLENNALLEN	251
GOLOVIN	2
GRAYLING	2
GUSTAVUS	5

HAINES	113
HEALY	116
HOLY CROSS	1
HOMER	490
HOONAH	18
HOOPER BAY	17
HOPE	9
HOUGHES	17
HOUSTON	129
HUSLIA	29
HYDER	2
ILIAMNA	6
INDIAN	36
JBER	120
JUNEAU	385
KAKE	2
KAKTOVIK	28
KALSKAG	10
KALTAG	15
KASIGLUK	11
KASILOF	246
KENAI	712
KENNY LAKE	8
KETCHIKAN	117
KIANA	17
KING COVE	2
KING SALMON	11
KIPNUK	9
KIVALINA	13
KLAWOCK	8
KOBUK	25
KODIAK	107
KOLIGANEK	2
KONGIGANAK	8
KOTLIK	24
KOTZEBUE	506
KOYUK	10
KOYUKUK	8
KWETHLUK	10
KWIGILLINGOK	6
LAKE MINCHUMINA	3
LARSEN BAY	1
LEVELOCK	1
LIVINGOOD	3
MANLEY HOT SPRINGS	18
MANOKOTAK	6
MARSHALL	2

MCCARTHY	1
MCGRATH	12
MCKINLEY PARK	1
MEKORYUK	8
MENTASTA LAKE	2
METLAKATLA	5
MINTO	11
MOOSE PASS	35
MOUNTAIN VILLAGE	20
NAKNEK	6
NANWALEK	2
NAPAKIAK	10
NAPASKIAK	8
NAUKATI Bay	2
NENANA	69
NEW HALEN	1
NEW STUYAHOK	6
NEWTOK	3
NIGHTMUTE	3
NIKISKI	124
NIKOLAEVSK	5
NINILCHIK	111
NOATAK	41
NOME	45
NONDALTON	2
NOORVIK	20
NORTH POLE	2,794
NORTHWAY	7
NUIQSUT	28
NULATO	17
NUNAM IQUA	8
NUNAPITCHUK	13
OLD HARBOR	1
OSCARVILLE	1
PALMER	2,650
PAXSON	4
PEDRO BAY	2
PELICAN	1
PETERS CREEK	14
PETERSBURG	110
PILOT STATION	19
POINT HOPE	22
POINT LAY	12
PORT ALSWORTH	3
PORT HEIDEN	2
PORT LIONS	4
PRUDHOE BAY	9

QUINHAGAK	13
RAMPART	1
RUBY	19
RUSSIAN MISSION	5
SAINT GEORGE ISLAND	2
SAINT MARYS	36
SAINT MICHAEL	1
SAINT PAUL ISL	1
SALCHA	194
SAND POINT	1
SAVOONGA	10
SCAMMON BAY	13
SELAWIK	25
SELDOVIA	150
SEWARD	200
SHAGELUK	4
SHAKTOOLIK	11
SHISHMAREF	8
SHUNGNAK	8
SITKA	80
SKAGWAY	29
SKWENTNA	18
SLANA	27
SLEETMUTE	3
SOLDOTNA	1,186
SOUTH NAKNEK	2
ST MARYS	13
ST PAUL ISL	1
STEBBINS	5
STERLING	384
SUTTON	120
TAKOTNA	4
TALKEETNA	164
TANACROSS	4
TANANA	40
TATITLEK	2
TELLER	3
TETLIN	2
THORNE BAY	13
TOGIAK	7
TOK	203
TOKSOOK BAY	6
TONS INA	1
TRAPPER CREEK	100
TULUKSAK	3
TUNTUTULIAK	11
TUNUNAK	4

TWIN HILLS	1
TWO RIVERS	24
TYONEK	8
UNALAKLEET	31
UNALASKA	6
VALDEZ	553
VENETIE	11
WAINWRIGHT	56
WALES	2
WASILLA	4,978
WHALE PASS	1
WHITE MOUNTAIN	4
WHITTIER	8
WILLOW	438
WRANGELL	91
YAKUTAT	2

39,555

Source: Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles, March 5, 2016

**Park Areas**

Chugach  
Kenai  
Prince William Sound  
Kodiak  
Mat-Su  
Northern  
Southeast  
Wood-Tikchik

**Programs**

Alaska State Trails  
Boating Safety  
Design and Construction  
Grants  
Geographic Name  
Program  
History & Archaeology /  
State Historic Preservation  
Office

**Facilities**

Public Use Cabins  
Accessible Facilities

**Fees**

Fees  
Park Pass  
Permits  
Be Safe Out There  
Access for All  
FAQ



## Snowmobile Trails Program

The Snowmobile Trails Program provides reimbursable, matching grant funds for trail easement acquisition, development and maintenance of trails and trail-related facilities for snowmobile use. The program also provides funds for snowmobile safety and educational programs. Matching funds are not required for safety and educational grant programs.

Snowmobile trail grooming activities are only provided through the program's Grooming Pool. The Grooming Pool is a program that distributes grant funds for grooming, marking and signing snowmobile trail systems. The program offers the flexibility to use funds where trail grooming is needed around the state. If you are interested in applying for Grooming Pool funds contact your local Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation office. Trails being added to the existing pool will be subject to a review process. For more information regarding the Grooming Pool visit the following web site: [Grooming Pool](#)

The Snowmobile Trails Advisory Council (SnowTRAC) is responsible for reviewing and recommending funding for the Snowmobile Trails Program. For additional information regarding SnowTRAC visit the following web site: [SnowTRAC](#)

If you are interested in applying for a Snowmobile Trails Program grant, please review the program instructions and application form, which are located below. For additional questions please contact the following:

For general grant questions regarding the program please contact the Grants Administrator at (907) 269-8709

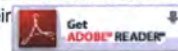
For project development questions please contact the State Trails Coordinator at (907) 269-8699

Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation  
Address: 550 W 7th Ave., Suite 1380  
Anchorage AK 99501-3561  
Fax: (907) 269-8907

**Annual Program Schedule**

- April 1, Current year application available
- June 10, Due date for posting the Public Notice
- July 1, Application due date and the last day for applications to be postmarked
- September, Tentative announcement of grant awards
- September, State Agency Review
- October, Grant Agreements

Grant instructions and applications are available as .doc, .rtf, or .pdf files. A sample application and trail guidelines are available as a .pdf file. To open pdf files, you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader version 3.0 or higher, on your computer. Acrobat Reader is available for free off the Internet. Click the Get Acrobat button to go to the Adobe Acrobat web site, follow their instructions and choose the appropriate type of Acrobat Reader for your computer.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)**Instructions for Applying**[Application Instructions](#)**Trail Grant Application**[Trail Grant Application](#)

**Definition of a Safety and Education project:** All projects using grant funds must have public benefit, be accessible, open and available to the general public, or targeted to a broad segment of the general public. Grant funds should not be used for projects that have such limited capacity that only a few paying (or potentially paying) guests have access to the product of the project. The portions of a project using grant funds must be open for general public use or viewing at all times and when visitors are likely. (brochures, free training, interpretive panels etc.)



**Grooming Pool Application for Established Trails**

[Snowmobile Trail Grooming Application](#)  
[Grooming Commitment Form](#)

**Grant Reporting Documents:**

**Progress Reporting Instructions**

[Word Document \(.doc\)](#)     [Rich Text File \(.rtf\)](#)     [Adobe Acrobat \(.pdf\)](#)

**Progress Report Form**

[Word Document \(.doc\)](#)     [Rich Text File \(.rtf\)](#)     [Adobe Acrobat \(.pdf\)](#)

**Accounting & Financial Instruction**

[Financial Instruction](#)

**Reimbursement and Match Form**

[Excel Document \(.xls\)](#)     [Text File \(.txt\)](#)     [Adobe Acrobat \(.pdf\)](#)

**Budget Form**

[Excel Document \(.xls\)](#)     [Text File \(.txt\)](#)     [Adobe Acrobat \(.pdf\)](#)

**Grant Agreement Example**

[Adobe Acrobat \(.pdf\)](#)

**Guidelines for Snowmobile Trail Signing and Placement**

[Guidelines](#)

**Snowmobiler's Code of Ethics**

[Link to Code of Ethics](#)

**Grant Fraud**

[Grant Fraud Handout](#)

**SnowTRAC Meetings and Funding**

- [Year 2015](#)
- [Year 2014](#)
- [Year 2013](#)
- [Year 2012](#)
- [Year 2011](#)
- [Year 2010](#)
- [Year 2009](#)
- [Year 2008](#)
- [Year 2007](#)
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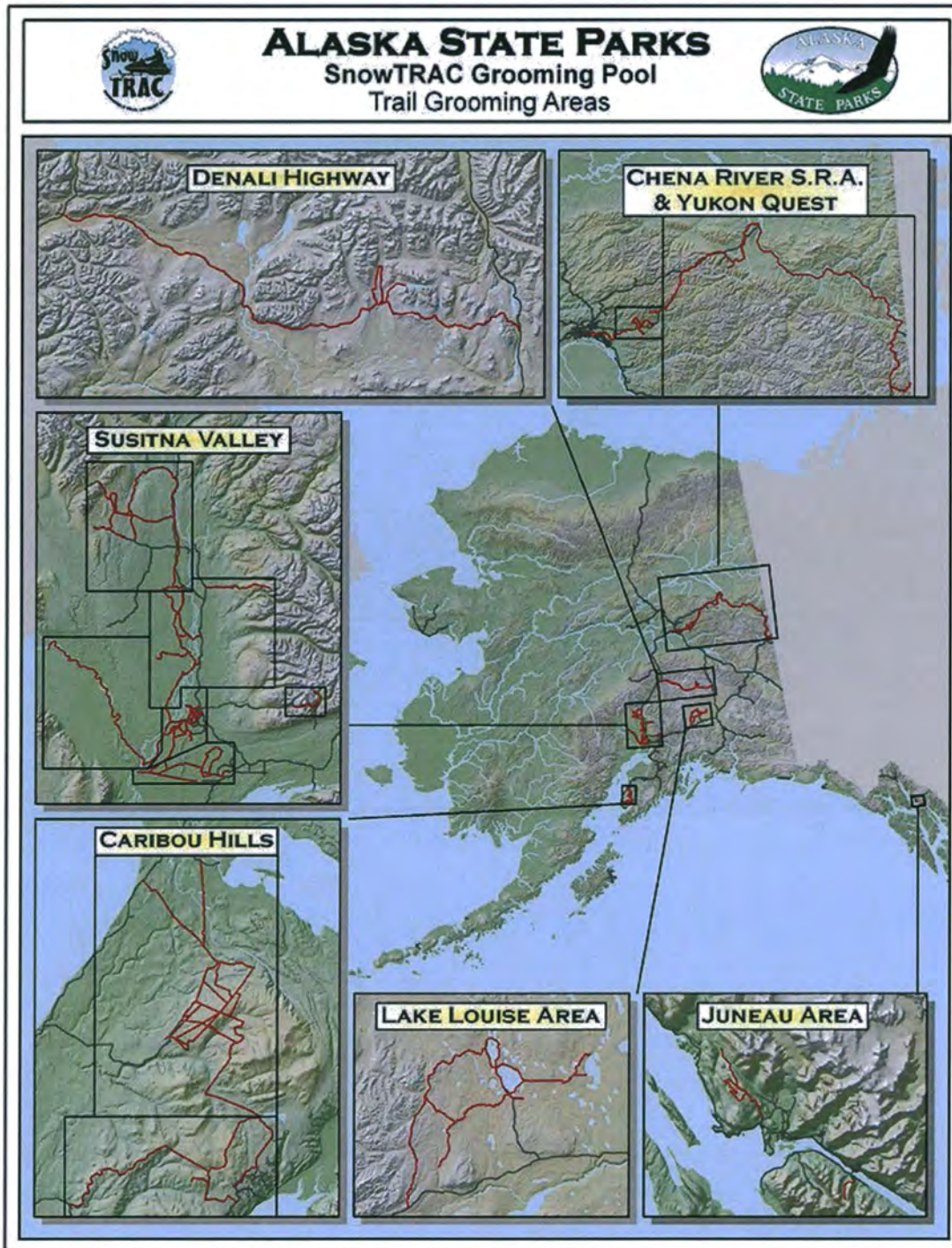
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## SnowTRAC Grooming Pool

The Snowmobile Trail Grant Program's Grooming Pool uses snowmobile registration fees to support a system of groomed snowmobile trails in several regions of the state. Grooming Pool funds are used by snowmobile clubs, non-profits, and businesses to groom and mark trails. Trails must be legal and approved by the Snowmobile Trail Advisory Council (SnowTRAC). The map below shows the locations of the Grooming Pool trails throughout the state. To view PDF maps of the individual grooming areas, click on the map or the list below.



Grooming Pool Trail Maps

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <a href="#">Big Lake Area</a>                | <a href="#">Juneau Area</a>                      |
| <a href="#">Caribou Hills North</a>          | <a href="#">Lake Louise Area</a>                 |
| <a href="#">Caribou Hills South</a>          | <a href="#">Lower Susitna-Yentna Area Trails</a> |
| <a href="#">Chena Area</a>                   | <a href="#">Mid Susitna Valley Trails</a>        |
| <a href="#">Denali Highway</a>               | <a href="#">Petersville Area Trails</a>          |
| <a href="#">Hatcher Pass Management Area</a> | <a href="#">Willow Area</a>                      |

[Yukon Quest](#)

The intended use for these maps is to identify trails that are part of the SnowTRAC Grooming Pool. These maps should not be used as a navigational aid.

For more information on the program, contact:

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**STATE OF ALASKA SNOWMOBILE TRAILS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 15-001**

A RESOLUTION OF THE SNOWTRAC ADVISORY COUNCIL SUPPORTING REVISING OF SNOWMOBILE AND OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES REGISTRATION FEES AND INCREASED AUTHORITY FOR DISPURSEMENT OF COLLECTED REGISTRATION FEES.

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WHEREAS, the Snowmobile Trails Advisory Council (SnowTRAC) was established under Title 41 through the offices of the Division Of Parks and Outdoor Recreation with the mission to fairly represent all Alaskans by advising DPOR on snowmobile issues including funding, safety, registration, education, access, trail grooming, marking, development and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the SnowTRAC program is the only revenue neutral, self-funded, user based, program in the State of Alaska with all funding being derived from the registration of snowmobiles and off-highway vehicles; and

WHEREAS, money collected from registrations fund safety programs, education, trail access/development, trail grooming and trail signage; and

WHEREAS, support of winter trails bring increased business to Alaska communities through increased recreational visitation; and

WHEREAS, the demand for funding snowmobile trail projects has far out-paced the available funds to SnowTRAC, forcing the

Council to bypass many worthy programs that would benefit the user community and forcing us to under-fund grooming and signage activities which increase safety on our trails; and

WHEREAS, AS 28.39.020 authorizes the Department of Administration/DMV to collect snowmobile and off highway vehicle registration fees; and

WHEREAS, DMV is only authorized to release a maximum of \$ 250,000 per year to fund the SnowTRAC mission under DPOR; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Snowmobile Trails Advisory Council (SnowTRAC) supports the modification of registration fees as proposed on the attached drafted House Bill as proposed by Representative Tilton and requests that two modifications be made as follows:

DMV authorization to release funds to the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for the specific purpose of funding snowmobile activities to include safety programs, education, trail access/development, trail grooming and trail signage; become codified so that such disbursement is automatic rather than requiring a line item in the Governor's or Legislative budget process to do so and the funding authorization for DMV to release funds be increased from \$ 250,000 to \$ 500,000 to meet public demand for the ever growing sport of trail riding and other valuable trail activities.

ADOPTED by the SNOWTRAC ADVISORY BOARD this 26th day of  
August, 2015.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dan Mayfield", written over a horizontal line.

Dan Mayfield, Chairman, SnowTRAC Advisory Board

**HOUSE BILL NO.**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY**

**Introduced:**  
**Referred:**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to registration fees for snowmobiles and off-highway vehicles; and**  
2 **providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 28.10.421(d)(7) is amended to read:

5 (7) **an** [A SNOWMOBILE OR] off-highway vehicle ..... \$10;

6 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 28.10.421(d) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

7 (25) a snowmobile ..... \$20.

8 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 28.39.020(e) is amended to read:

9 (e) The original and each renewal registration fee for a snowmobile is as  
10 provided under AS 28.10.421, except that the fee **for a six-year registration is \$50**  
11 **[SHALL BE MULTIPLIED BY TWO FOR A FOUR-YEAR REGISTRATION AND**  
12 **MULTIPLIED BY THREE FOR A SIX-YEAR REGISTRATION].**

13 \* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2017.

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2016 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 319  
Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier: HB319-DOA-DMV-03-04-16  
Title: SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION FEES  
Sponsor: TILTON  
Requester: House Transportation

Department: Department of Administration  
Appropriation: Motor Vehicles  
Allocation: Motor Vehicles  
OMB Component Number: 2348

**Expenditures/Revenues**

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

	FY2017 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2017 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
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>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None								
<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>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**Change in Revenues**

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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2016) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) cost:** 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?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Not applicable, initial version.

Prepared By: Amy Erickson, Director  
Division: Motor Vehicles  
Approved By: Sheldon Fisher, Commissioner  
Agency: Department of Administration

Phone: (907)269-5574  
Date: 03/04/2016 06:00 PM  
Date: 03/04/16

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 319

**Analysis**

HB 319 would amend AS 28.10.421(d)(7) to raise the two year registration fee for a snowmobile to \$20 and AS 28.39.020(e) to raise the six year registration fee for a snowmobile to \$50. Additionally, this bill would remove the option for a four year registration period.

**Revenue**

In FY2015 the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) received \$198.0 in snowmobile fees collected by DMV. DNR has budget authority to receive up to \$250.0. Any fees collected over the amount appropriated will lapse to the State of Alaska general fund. The increased registration fee could result in the collection of additional revenue that could be appropriated; therefore any additional lapse amount is unknown at this time.

**Cost to DMV**

DMV will need to create new fee and vehicle codes to distinguish between snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles. DMV IT staff will complete the programming, however it is a time consuming process, approximately 10 to 12 weeks, and we will need sufficient lead time to create the codes and conduct system testing before the new registration fees and class codes go live.

DMV IT staff will complete the programming changes; therefore we are submitting a zero fiscal note.