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# SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/15/16

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IN TO OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Finance Committee** considered HOUSE BILL NO. 259

HB 259-RELOCATION ASSISTANCE FOR FED. PROJ/PROG

"An Act relating to relocation assistance for federally assisted projects and programs; and providing for an effective date."

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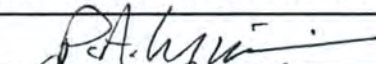
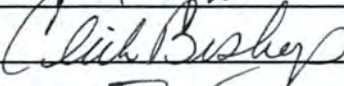

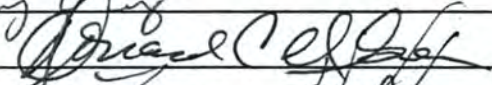
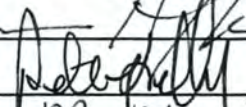
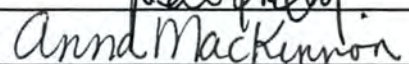
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 New Title/SCR No. \_\_\_\_\_
- adopt previous SCS \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  Same Title  Technical Title Change  
 New Title/SCR No. \_\_\_\_\_
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

Dept Abbr.	
ADM	LWF
CED	LAW
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EED	MVA
DEC	DNR
DFG	DPS
GOV	REV
DHS	DOT
AJS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
DOT			✓	1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	No REC	AMEND
	MICCICONE	✓			
	Bishop	✓		✓	
	Duane			✓	
	Hoffman	✓			
CO-CHAIR: 	Kelly			✓	
CO-CHAIR: 	MacKinnon	✓			

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Governor Bill Walker  
STATE OF ALASKA

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 black ink that reads "Bill Walker".

Bill Walker  
Governor

Enclosure

**Sectional Analysis**  
**House Bill 259**  
**29-GH2709\A**

**“An Act relating to relocation assistance for federally assisted projects and programs; and providing for an effective date.”**

**Sec. 1.** Adds clarifying purpose language to AS 34.60.010 to reflect that payments made to displaced persons under this chapter must comply with the requirements and limitations of federal law, i.e., 42 U.S.C. 4601-4655 (Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970). Including this language simplifies the subsequent amendments by reducing duplication of federal law with which we must comply.

**Sec. 2.** Repeals and reenacts AS 34.60.040(c) to simplify the language stating that an eligible person displaced from a place of business or farm operation may elect to receive a fixed payment in lieu of actual moving in accordance with the applicable federal law referenced in the clarifying purpose language in Section 1.

**Sec. 3.** Amends AS 34.60.040(d) to simplify the language stating that an eligible person may receive reimbursement for actual reasonable farm or business re-establishment expenses in accordance with the applicable federal law referenced in the clarifying purpose language in Section 1.

**Sec. 4.** Amends AS 34.60.050(a) and (a)(2) to reduce the eligibility requirement for Replacement Housing for Homeowners from 180 days to 90 days and authorize payments in accordance with the applicable federal law referenced in the clarifying purpose language in Section 1.

**Sec. 5.** Amends AS 34.60.060(1) and (2) to authorize payments for Replacement Housing for Tenants in accordance with the applicable federal law referenced in the clarifying purpose language in Section 1.

**Sec. 6.** Establishes that Sections 2-5 of the bill have the retroactive effective date of October 1, 2014.

**Sec. 7.** Provides for an immediate effective date of the day after it is signed by the governor or on the day after the governor's veto is overridden or on the day after expiration of the period allowed for gubernatorial action by art. II, Sec. 17 of the Alaska Constitution.

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2016 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	HB 259
Fiscal Note Number:	1
(H) Publish Date:	1/19/2016

Identifier: DOT-DES-11-18-15  
 Title: RELOCATION ASSISTANCE FOR FED.  
       PROJ/PROG  
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
 Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
 Appropriation: Design, Engineering and Construction  
 Allocation: Statewide Design and Engineering Services  
 OMB Component Number: 2357

**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 2017	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<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>

**Positions**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

<b>Change in Revenues</b>						
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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? N/A

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

Initial version
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Agency:	DOT&PF		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**Analysis**

There is no impact to the operating budget.

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