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10028 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

**HB**

**205**

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 205( )  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

Offered:  
Reterred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE JOULE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the use of snow machines to travel across the Dalton  
2 Highway corridor."

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

4 \* Section 1. AS 19.40.210 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 19.40.210. Prohibition of off-road vehicles. Off-road vehicles are  
6 prohibited on land within five miles of the right-of-way of the highway. However, this  
7 prohibition does not apply to

8 (1) off-road vehicles necessary for oil and gas exploration,  
9 development, production, or transportation;

10 (2) [OR TO] a person who holds a mining claim in the vicinity of the  
11 highway and who must use land within five miles of the right-of-way of the highway  
12 to gain access to the mining claim; or

13 (3) the use of a snow machine to travel across the highway corridor  
14 from land outside the corridor to access land outside the other side of the

1 corridor; this paragraph does not permit the use of a snow machine for any  
2 purpose within the corridor if the use begins or ends within the corridor or within  
3 the right-of-way of the highway or if the use is for travel within the corridor that  
4 is parallel to the right-of-way of the highway; in this paragraph, "highway  
5 corridor" means land within five miles of the right-of-way of the highway.

Harry Brower Jr  
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Comment on House Bill No. 205

I am in support of House Bill  
No. 205 as it is written

The Bill helps the Local Hunters with  
the access problem that they have  
been faced with for many years.

Traveling across the Corridor will  
much safer. The current situation  
is to travel out in to the  
Ocean, then back to Land and to the  
destination or Hunting area.

Traveling out into the ocean is dangerous, large crack and Ice shifting makes it unpredictable to see the danger. In other words traveling over Land would be much safer for the local people.

Thank you all for the opportunity to comment on House Bill No. 205

Harry Brower, Jr.

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**FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET**

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 FOR YOUR INFORMATION PLEASE REPLY

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**NOTES/COMMENTS:**

Please accept this testimony from Harry Brower Jr. in regards to HB 205.

Thank you.

**Subject: Teleconference sites for HB 205**

**Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 10:26:33 -0900**

**From: Tom Panamaroff <Tom\_Panamaroff@legis.state.ak.us>**

**Organization: Alaska State Legislature**

**To: Kevin Hand <Kevin\_Hand@legis.state.ak.us>**

Kevin,

With regard to HE 205 tomorrow, we'd like the Barrow LIO on-line. North Slope Borough Wildlife Department director Charles Brower will probably be on line.

In addition, Fenton Rexford, of the village of Kaktovik would like to testify. He is the chairman of the North Slope Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

#640-6120

Please let me know the number Fenton needs to call and I'll pass it on to him.

Thanks.

Tom

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**Alaska State Legislature**  
**REPRESENTATIVE REGGIE JOULE**

**SPONSOR STATEMENT**

**HB 205**

**AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF SNOW MACHINES TO TRANSPORT  
HUNTERS AND GAME ACROSS THE DALTON HIGHWAY CORRIDOR**

HB 205 would exempt snowmachine crossings from the current prohibition on the use of off road vehicles within 5 miles of the Dalton Highway corridor. This bill would allow people to cross the Dalton Highway corridor on their snowmachines in order to hunt, or transport their game. Similar exemptions currently include the use of off road vehicles necessary for the oil & gas industry as well as the use of off road vehicles to access a mining claim that is in the vicinity of the highway.

In 1998, the Board of Game attempted to provide for this access across the corridor for hunters by regulation but was advised by the Department of Law that the regulation would not comply with statute. HB 205 would simply allow for people to cross the corridor on their snowmachines.

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 205

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected Fish and Game  
 Title Snowmachines Crossing the Dalton Highway BRU Wildlife Conservation  
 Component Wildlife Conservation  
 Sponsor Rep. Joule  
 Requester House Resources Component No. 473

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Personal Services						
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<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>

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Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Wayne Regelin, Director *WR*  
 Division Wildlife Conservation  
 Approved by: Commissioner Frank Rue *Frank Rue for*  
 Agency Department of Fish and Game

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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 205

Revision Date 1/27/00 Dept. Affected Public Safety  
 Title An Act relating to the use of snow machines BRU Fish and Wildlife Protection  
to transport hunters and game across the Dalton Highway Component: Detachments  
 Sponsor Rep. Joule  
 Requester H. TRA Component No. 490

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

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Equipment						
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Grants & Claims						
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Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: 0.0

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Full-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
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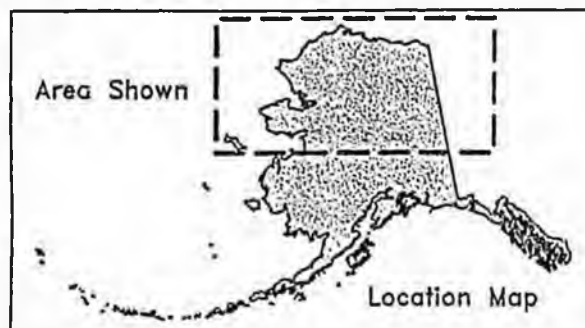
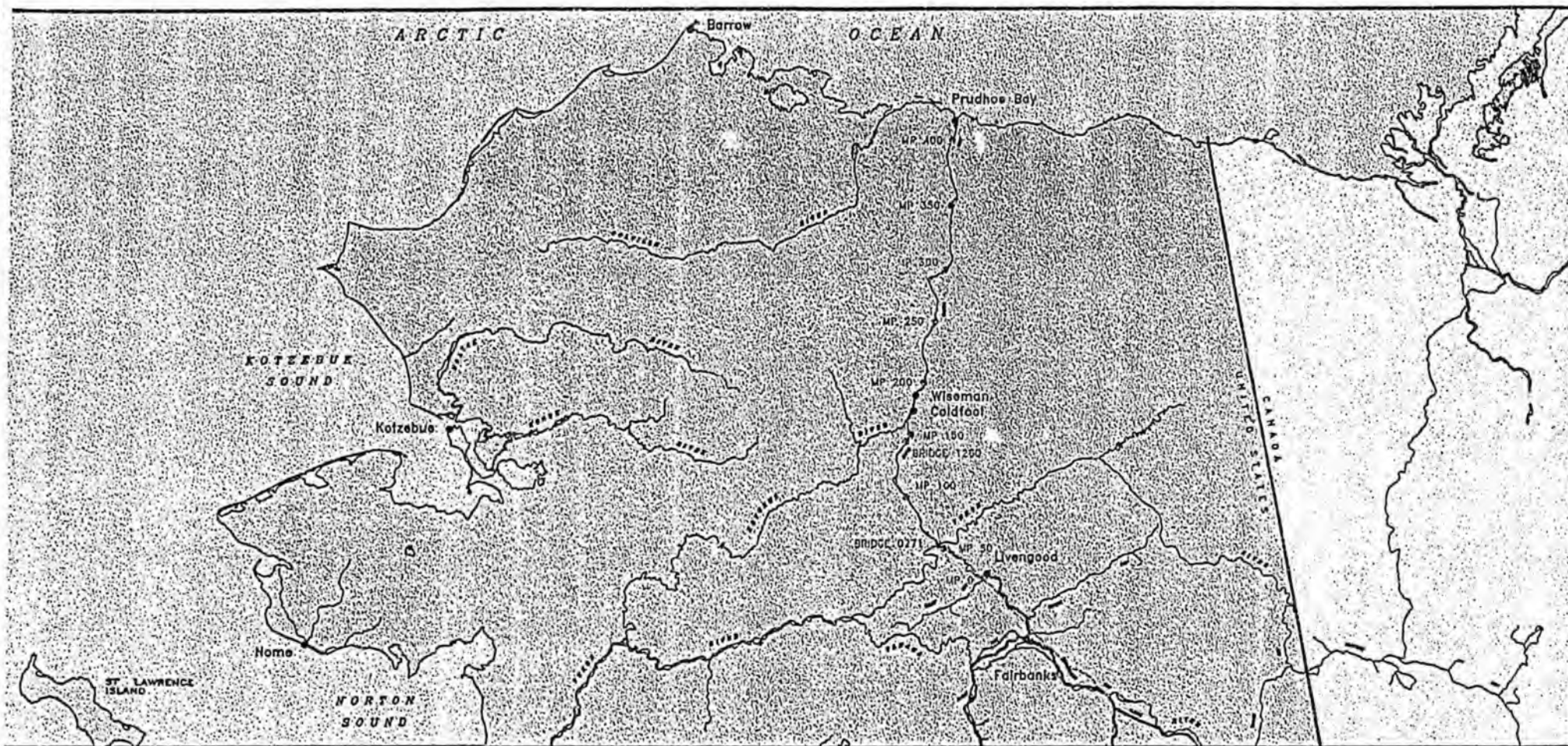
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This bill does not significantly impact our budget.

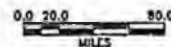
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 Agency Commissioner Ronald L. Otte, Dept. of Public Safety

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# JAMES DALTON HIGHWAY



**NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 98-12**

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE ADOPT  
AN AMENDMENT TO THE ALASKA STATUTES TO ADDRESS AN INEQUITY  
CREATED ALONG THE DALTON HIGHWAY CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT AREA**

WHEREAS, there exists a Fish and Game statute that prohibits hunters from traveling across the Dalton Highway Corridor by snowmachine;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fish & Game has initiated a permit hunt on the East side of the Dalton Highway;

WHEREAS, snowmachine travel is the primary mode of transportation for hunters on the North Slope;

WHEREAS, this statute that prevents access by snowmachine effectively eliminates hunters from all North Slope Communities except Kaktovik; and

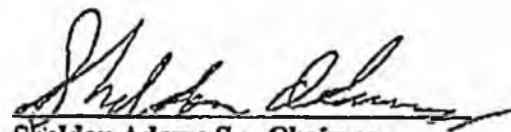
WHEREAS, this statute does not effectively address the issue identified which is hunting from the Dalton Highway Corridor.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The North Slope Borough Planning Commission recommends the Alaska State legislature amend the Alaska Statutes to allow snowmachines to be used for transport of game or hunters only for the purposes of direct crossing through the corridor only when originating outside the management area.

Passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Slope Borough Planning Commission on this 29th day of October 1998.

INTRODUCED: October 29, 1998  
ADOPTED: October 29, 1998

  
Sheldon Adams Sr., Chairman

10/29/98  
Date

ATTEST:  
  
George Tagarook Clerk

10/29/98  
Date

**NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH FISH AND GAME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION NO. 98-02**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND ALASKA  
STATUTE 19.40.210 TO ALLOW USE OF SNOW MACHINES TO CROSS THE  
DALTON HIGHWAY CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT AREA**

WHEREAS, Alaska Statutes 19.40.210 prohibits off-road vehicles on land within five miles of the right-of-way of the Dalton Highway, known as the Dalton Highway Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Game has opened a Tier I subsistence registration hunt on the east side of the Dalton Highway; and

WHEREAS, snow machine travel is the primary mode of overland transportation for North Slope community subsistence hunters; and

WHEREAS, AS 19.40.210 effectively bars North Slope community subsistence hunters from traditional harvest areas access to which requires crossing the Dalton Highway Corridor and excludes them from the newly approved Tier I subsistence hunt; and

WHEREAS, at its Spring 1998 meeting, the Alaska Board of Game adopted a regulation under which snow machines could be used to transport hunters and game for purposes of making a direct crossing of the Dalton Highway Corridor when travel originates outside of the Management Area; and

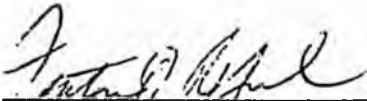
WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Law later reviewed the regulation and issued an August 1998 determination that the Board of Game had exceeded its authority and that the Alaska Legislature must amend AS 19.40.210 to permit use of snow machines within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:


The North Slope Borough Fish and Game Management Committee urges the Alaska Legislature to amend Alaska Statute 19.40.210 to allow snow machines to be used for transport of game or hunters for the purpose of making a direct crossing through the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area only when originating outside the management area.

Pass and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Slope Borough Fish and Game Management Committee on this 19th day of November, 1998.

INTRODUCED: 11/19/98  
ADOPTED: 11/19/98

  
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F&GMC Chairman  
11/19/98  
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ATTEST:

  
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F&GMC Executive Manager  
11/19/98  
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September 14, 1998

Fenton Rexford, Chair  
P.O. Box 143  
North Slope Fish and Game Management Committee  
Kaktovik, AK 99747

Dear Mr. Rexford:

The Board of Game recently received notice that the proposal it passed during the spring 1998 meeting that allows a direct crossing through the Dalton Highway Corridor will not be put into regulation. A copy of the memorandum from the Department of Law is included with this letter for your information.

As you know, the board passed an amended version of the proposal jointly submitted by the North Slope Fish and Game Management Committee and the Department of Fish and Game. The board saw this proposal as an opportunity to provide access to traditional hunting areas for local users without creating the potential for conservation problems.

Board members will receive a briefing about this opinion from the Department of Law at the fall 1998 meeting. The board will then have an opportunity to explore options that are available, including discussions with the legislature and the administration about possible remedies.

Please call me if I can answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Diana L. Cote  
Executive Director  
Alaska Board of Game

Enclosure

cc: Kevin Saxby, Dept. of Law  
Wayne Regelin, Dept. of Fish and Game

**PROPOSAL - 5 AAC 92.530 (7). MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

Amend the wording of the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area, as follows:

(7) the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area:

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- (A) the area consists of those portions of Units 20 and 24 - 26 extending five miles from each side of the Dalton Highway, including the driveable surface of the Dalton Highway, from the Yukon River to the Prudhoe Bay Closed Area;
- (B) the area is closed to hunting; however, big game, small game, and fur animals may be taken in the area by bow and arrow only; no motorized vehicle, except aircraft, boats, and licensed highway vehicles may be used to transport game or hunters within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area; except that hunters who originate from outside the corridor may use snow machines to travel through the corridor to hunt on the opposite side of the corridor, and to transport harvested animals back through the corridor; any hunter traveling on the Dalton Highway must stop at any check station operated by the department within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area;

**ISSUE:** Since the creation of the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area hunters from the North Slope have been prohibited by the wording of the regulation from using snow machines to travel across the corridor and hunt on the other side. This has prevented them from utilizing areas where they have traditionally hunted.

Including the definition of the driveable surface of the Dalton Highway as part of the management area is necessary to close a possible loophole in the definition of the area outside of the management area. Without this wording change it is possible to interpret the highway as being 'outside' the management area because the area is defined as 5 miles from the 'east side' and 'west side' of the Dalton Highway.

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE?**

North Slope hunters will continue to be excluded from areas where they have traditionally hunted.

**WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT?** North Slope hunters.

**WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER?** No-one

**OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED?**

**PROPOSED BY:** North Slope Borough Fish and Game Management Committee, North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management, and Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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**INTER-DIVISIONAL COORDINATION:** 12/23 draft review Bente/Pedersen and Smith; 12/29 - draft review and edits by Bente, Lenart, and Pedersen; final developed 12/29; final reviewed with C2 toll 1/5/98

**OTHER COORDINATION:** 12/23 draft to NSB: Hepa/Rexford; 12/29 second/final draft to Hepa/Rexford; final draft approved by Hepa 1/5/98; 1/6/98 - final draft approved by Rexford (NSBF&GMC).

**HEB**

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**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 243(TRA)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Offered:  
Referred:

**Sponsor(s): HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE BY REQUEST**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to taxes on motor fuel used in or on boats and watercraft; and  
2 providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new  
5 section to read:

6 **PURPOSE.** It is the purpose of the legislature to encourage municipalities to assume  
7 responsibility for port and harbor facilities within their boundaries that are currently  
8 maintained by the state and to impose taxes on motor fuel used in or on boats and watercraft  
9 to produce revenues to maintain those port and harbor facilities.

10 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 29.45 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 **Article 5A. Municipal Motor Fuel Tax.**

12 **Sec. 29.45.750.** Tax on transfers or consumption of motor fuel used in or  
13 on boats and watercraft. A municipality may levy and collect a tax of three cents  
14 a gallon on motor fuel

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(1) sold or transferred within the municipality that is to be used in or on boats and watercraft of all descriptions; or

(2) consumed by a user in or on boats and watercraft of all descriptions.

\* Sec. 3. AS 43.40.010(a) is amended to read:

(a) There is levied a tax of eight cents a gallon on all motor fuel sold or otherwise transferred within the state, except that

(1) the tax on aviation gasoline is four and seven-tenths cents a gallon;

(2) the tax on motor fuel used in and on watercraft of all descriptions

is

(A) in a qualified municipality that levies a tax of three cents a gallon specifically on the sale or transfer of motor fuel used in and on watercraft, two [FIVE] cents a gallon; for purposes of this subparagraph, a qualified municipality is one

(i) that has assumed possession of and responsibility for operation and maintenance of all state port and harbor facilities within its boundaries except those owned by a public corporation of the state or owned by a state agency and used for state purposes;

(ii) within which the state does not retain operation or maintenance responsibility for port or harbor facilities except those port or harbor facilities owned by a public corporation of the state or owned by a state agency and used for state purposes; or

(iii) within which the state has never had port or harbor facilities or operation or maintenance-responsibility for port or harbor facilities;

(B) except as provided in (A) of this paragraph, five cents a gallon;

(3) the tax on all aviation fuel other than gasoline is three and two-tenths cents a gallon; and

(4) the tax rate on motor fuel that is blended with alcohol is the same tax rate a gallon as other motor fuel; however,

1 (A) in an area and during the months in which fuel containing  
2 alcohol is required to be sold, transferred, or used in an effort to attain air  
3 quality standards for carbon monoxide as required by federal or state law or  
4 regulation, the tax rate on motor fuel that is blended with alcohol is six cents  
5 a gallon less than the tax on other motor fuel not described in (1) - (3) of this  
6 subsection;

7 (B) notwithstanding (A) of this paragraph, through June 30,  
8 2004, the tax on motor fuel sold or otherwise transferred within the state is  
9 eight cents a gallon less than the tax on other motor fuel not described in (1) -  
10 (3) of this subsection if the motor fuel

11 (i) is at least 10 percent alcohol by volume, has been  
12 produced from the processing of lignocellulose derived from wood, and  
13 was produced in a facility that processes lignocellulose from wood, but  
14 this reduction in the rate of tax applies to motor fuel sold or transferred  
15 that contains alcohol that was produced only during the first five years  
16 of the facility's processing of lignocellulose from wood; or

17 (ii) is at least 10 percent alcohol by volume, has been  
18 produced from the processing of waste seafood, and was produced in  
19 a facility that processes alcohol from waste seafood, but this reduction  
20 in the rate of tax applies to motor fuel sold or transferred that contains  
21 alcohol that was produced only during the first five years of the  
22 facility's processing of alcohol from waste seafood.

23 \* Sec. 4. AS 43.40.010(b) is amended to read:

24 (b) There is levied a tax of eight cents a gallon on all motor fuel consumed  
25 by a user, except that

26 (1) the tax on aviation gasoline consumed is four and seven-tenths cents  
27 a gallon;

28 (2) the tax on motor fuel used in and on watercraft of all descriptions  
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(ii) within which the state does not retain operation or maintenance responsibility for port or harbor facilities except those port or harbor facilities owned by a public corporation of the state or owned by a state agency and used for state purposes; or

(iii) within which the state has never had port or harbor facilities or operation or maintenance responsibility for port or harbor facilities;

(B) except as provided in (A) of this paragraph, five cents a gallon;

(3) the tax on all aviation fuel other than gasoline is three and two-tenths cents a gallon; and

(4) the tax rate on motor fuel that is blended with alcohol is the same tax rate a gallon as other motor fuel; however,

(A) in an area and during the months in which fuel containing alcohol is required to be sold, transferred, or used in an effort to attain air quality standards for carbon monoxide as required by federal or state law or regulation, the tax rate on motor fuel that is blended with alcohol is six cents a gallon less than the tax on other motor fuel not described in (1) - (3) of this subsection;

(B) notwithstanding (A) of this paragraph, through June 30, 2004, the tax on motor fuel consumed by a user within the state is eight cents a gallon less than the tax on other motor fuel not described in (1) - (3) of this subsection if the motor fuel

(i) is at least 10 percent alcohol by volume, has been produced from the processing of lignocellulose derived from wood, and

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was produced in a facility that processes lignocellulose from wood, but this reduction in the rate of tax applies to motor fuel consumed by a user that contains alcohol that was produced only during the first five years of the facility's processing of lignocellulose from wood; or

(ii) is at least 10 percent alcohol by volume, has been produced from the processing of waste seafood, and was produced in a facility that processes alcohol from waste seafood, but this reduction in the rate of tax applies to motor fuel consumed by a user that contains alcohol that was produced only during the first five years of the facility's processing of alcohol from waste seafood.

\* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 2000.

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# Seward Boat Owners Association, Inc.

January 24, 2000

Dear Representative Halcro;

The members of the Seward Boat Owners Association will actively support bills that will transfer 80% of the Marine Motor Fuel Tax back to communities that own their own harbors – provided that funds are used for harbor maintenance.

The legislature has historically appropriated 83%<sup>1</sup> of the Marine Motor Fuel Tax to capital works projects in the harbors of Alaska. The money has been used to fund major maintenance projects. The remaining 17% has been used to cover administrative costs and fund DOT&PF's critical Coastal Engineering Section.

As local communities have taken over ownership of the harbors from the State, they must also have access to the revenue stream that has provided for the major maintenance of those harbors.

The members will actively support legislation that accomplishes this. Elements critical to our support include:

A proviso that the money transferred to the local community be used exclusively for harbor maintenance. Craft this provision such that it is not in the intent section that is traditionally vetoed by the Governor. This proviso is critical to our members' support of any bill.

Make the funds available to all communities that own their own harbors, not just to communities that have taken ownership of a State harbor.

Transfer a minimum of 80% of the Marine Motor Fuel tax generated by a community back to that community.

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<sup>1</sup> Source, DOT&PF and LBA  
*Seward Boat Owners Association, Inc.*

January 25, 2000

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Currently the drafts of HB 243 and SB178 do not include these provisions. We will be happy to work with the drafters of the final bills to craft these provisions such that our members could actively support the bills.

Sincerely,

James Collman  
President

**Possible Amendments - HB 243**

Section 3 (A) .... A qualified municipality is one

1. that has adopted municipal legislation that dedicates these revenues to be used in their harbors
  - ii (same as current i);
  - iii (same as current ii) but add, "or" at the end;
  - iv that owns all harbors within its boundaries;



## **Bill Analysis**

Section 1 of the bill expresses a legislative intent to encourage municipalities to assume responsibility for harbors within their boundaries and to impose municipal motor fuel taxes to maintain those harbors.

Section 2 amends AS 29.45 by authorizing municipalities to impose taxes on motor fuel.

Sections 3 and 4 amend AS 43.40.010(a)-(b) to allow a municipal motor fuel tax on fuel used in or on watercraft to reduce the corresponding state 5 cent tax by a maximum of 3 cents. The reduction in the state motor fuel tax rate extends to sales and consumption within a qualified municipality. A qualified municipality is one that has assumed all responsibility for operation and maintenance of state harbors within its boundaries.

Section 5 provides that the bill is effective July 1, 2000.

The department is very concerned with the practical aspects of administering a motor fuel program where the state and municipal taxes on one gallon of motor fuel may attach at different points. It is also possible that municipalities may define motor fuel differently from the state definition, and the bill does not address refund situations. Overall, the bill as drafted fails to achieve conformity between the state and municipal tax systems, both in substance and procedurally such as with establishing filing and payment periods, and will create extensive and perhaps insurmountable problems for the department in trying to reconcile whether a particular gallon of fuel qualifies for a reduction and in what municipality.

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**  
Income and Excise Audit Division

Marine Fuel Tax for Harbor Maintenance  
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**FY 99 ACTUALS\***

	GALLONS			REVENUE		
	GAS	DIESEL	TOTAL	GAS	DIESEL	TOTAL
Taxable Gallons (@ \$.05/gallon)	10,204,183	122,165,135	<u>132,369,318</u>	\$510,209	\$6,108,257	<u>\$6,618,466</u>

\* These numbers are preliminary unreconciled estimates. Additionally, because of timely filing credits, timing differences and the exclusion of off-highway gallons, FY 99 calculated revenue will not correspond exactly to the amount of revenue received in FY 99.

**\*\*Maximum Projected Decrease to the State**

	PROJECTED REVENUES					
	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
State Revenue @ \$.02/gallon (@95% gallons)	2,515,017	2,515,017	2,515,017	2,515,017	2,515,017	2,515,017
State Revenue @ \$.05 Gallon (@5% gallons)	330,923	330,923	330,923	330,923	330,923	330,923
Total Projected Revenue	<u>\$ (6,618,466)</u>	<u>\$ (6,618,466)</u>	<u>\$ (6,618,466)</u>	<u>\$ (6,618,466)</u>	<u>\$ (6,618,466)</u>	<u>\$ (6,618,466)</u>
Maximum Projected Decrease to State	<u>\$ (3,772,526)</u>	<u>\$ (3,772,526)</u>	<u>\$ (3,772,526)</u>	<u>\$ (3,772,526)</u>	<u>\$ (3,772,526)</u>	<u>\$ (3,772,526)</u>

**Assumptions include the following: (1) marine fuel consumption remains at the FY 99 level, 2) compliance with the marine fuel statutes remains the same, (3) all communities that can take advantage of the local tax option do so and (4) five percent of total fuel is sold in unorganized communities. Although the general trend in marine gallons has been down from FY 93, it appears that the trend downwards leveled off in FY 98 and increased slightly in FY 99.**

**HB**

**266**

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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REPRESENTATIVE VIC KOHRING  
DISTRICT 26

## Memorandum

Date: January 10, 2000  
To: Representative Andrew Halcro  
Chair, Transportation Committee  
From: Representative Vic Kohring *VK*  
Subject: Committee hearing request

I wish to request a Committee hearing on HB 266, renaming the Palmer Wasilla Highway to the James Arland Rowland, Jr. Memorial Highway.

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE KOHRING

TO: HB 266

- 1 Page 1, line 1:
- 2 Delete "renaming the Palmer-Wasilla Highway as"
- 3 Insert "designating"
  
- 4 Page 1, line 6:
- 5 Delete "renamed"
- 6 Insert "concurrently designated as"

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## SPONSOR STATEMENT HOUSE BILL 266

On May 15, 1999 law enforcement agencies around the country were honoring fallen officers for Police Memorial Day. During this solemn time Alaska State Troopers were processing the crime scene where Officer James Arlend Rowland Jr. was killed at 1:30 a.m. just off the Palmer-Wasilla Highway in Palmer. Officer Rowland became the first Palmer Police Officer to be killed in the line of duty.

Officer Rowland's death was a tremendous tragedy and loss to the Mat-Su Community. Officer Rowland grew up in Palmer and lived in Wasilla with his wife Hallie Rowland and his son James Rowland III. Officer Rowland's parents, James Sr. and Wanda still call Palmer their home. He gave his life for what he believed and his memory will live on.

House Bill 266 will name the Palmer-Wasilla Highway as the "**James Arlend Rowland Jr. Memorial Highway**". House Bill 266 will insure that Mat-Su Valley residents and those who visit will always remember Officer Rowland's ultimate sacrifice.

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## SECTIONAL ANALYSIS HOUSE BILL 266

**Title:** An act renaming the Palmer-Wasilla Highway as the James Arland Rowland Jr., Memorial Highway.

**Section 1.** AS 35.40 would be amended by adding a new section to read:

Section 35.40.130. James Arland Rowland Jr., Memorial Highway. The Palmer-Wasilla is renamed the James Arland Rowland Jr., Memorial Highway.

(3) if the project is located within one-half mile of the boundary of an area represented by a community council established by municipal charter or ordinance, the department shall submit the plans to the community council for review and comment.

(b) Prior approval by a municipal planning commission may not be required before the commencement of construction of a highway or local service road if

(1) the department and the municipality have entered into agreement for the planning of the project under AS 19.20.060 or 19.20.070 and the plans for the project are completed in accordance with the terms of that agreement;

(2) the municipality has adopted a municipal master highway plan under AS 19.20.080 and the highway or local service road is consistent with the plan adopted; or

(3) the department has entered into agreement with the municipality for the planning of transportation corridors under AS 19.20.015 and the plans for the project are completed in accordance with the provisions of that agreement.

(c) If final disapproval by resolution of the governing body of the affected municipality or village is not received within 90 days from the date the project was submitted to the municipality or village, the department may proceed with the project. (§ 3 ch 143 SLA 1977; am § 5 ch 100 SLA 1988)

**Effect of amendments.** — The 1988 amendment added paragraph (a)(3).

**Sec. 35.30.020. Compliance with municipal ordinances.** A department shall comply with local planning and zoning ordinances and other regulations in the same manner and to the same extent as other landowners. (§ 3 ch 143 SLA 1977)

**Sec. 35.30.030. Waiver.** If a department clearly demonstrates an overriding state interest, waiver of local planning authority approval and the compliance requirement may be granted by the governor. The governor shall issue specific findings giving reasons for granting any waiver under this section. (§ 3 ch 143 SLA 1977)

**Sec. 35.30.040. Definitions.** In this chapter

(1) "public project" means a public building or other structure, public work, or other facility, highway, or local service road constructed or maintained by a department; the term includes the acquisition by purchase or agreement of land and rights in land for materials and the extraction or removal of materials necessary for completion of a highway under AS 19.05.080 — 19.05.120;

(2) "village" means an unincorporated community of the unorganized borough where at least 25 people reside as a social unit. (§ 3 ch 143 SLA 1977; am § 57 ch 14 SLA 1987)

**Effect of amendments.** — The 1987 amendment repealed former paragraph (1), which defined "department."

## Chapter 40. Names of Public Works.

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- 01. Reeve Boulevard
- 05. Klondike Highway
- 10. E. L. Patton Bridge
- 15. Douglas Bridge
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### Section

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- 75. Ina Johnston Bridge
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- 85. Black veterans recognition bridge
- 90. Manvil H. Olson Bridge

**Section**  
95. Mountain View Road  
100. George W. Palmer Memorial Bridge  
105. East Egan Drive

**Section**  
110. Robert B. Atwood Building  
115. Herman Leirer Road

**Cross references.** — For provision that certain highways may be given names only by law, see AS 19.10.085.

**Sec. 35.40.001. Reeve Boulevard.** The Elmendorf By-Pass Highway is named the Bob Reeve Boulevard. (§ 2 ch 52 SLA 1982)

**Sec. 35.40.005. Klondike Highway.** The Alaska portion of the highway between Skagway, Alaska and Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada is named the Klondike Highway. (§ 1 ch 22 SLA 1982)

**Sec. 35.40.010. E. L. Patton Bridge.** The bridge spanning the Yukon River at the southern terminus of the highway is named "The E. L. Patton Bridge". (§ 2 ch 19 SLA 1982)

**Revisor's notes.** — Enacted as AS 19.40.085. Re-numbered in 1982.

**Sec. 35.40.015. Douglas Bridge.** The bridge across the Gastineau Channel connecting Juneau with Douglas Island is named the Douglas Bridge. (§ 1 ch 17 SLA 1982)

**Revisor's notes.** — Enacted as AS 19.10.300. Re-numbered in 1982.

**Sec. 35.40.020. Brenwick/Craig Road.** Klutina Road near Copper Center is re-named Brenwick/Craig Road. (§ 1 ch 57 SLA 1984)

**Sec. 35.40.025. Dillingham to Aleknagik Road.** The road from Dillingham to Aleknagik is designated the Gateway to the Wood-Tikchik State Park. (§ 2 ch 30 SLA 1985)

**Cross references.** — For statement of legislative purpose, see § 1, ch. 30, SLA 1985 in the Temporary and Special Acts.

**Sec. 35.40.030. Woodrow Johansen Expressway.** In Fairbanks, the controlled access highway connecting the Geist Road at University Avenue and the Steese Highway interchange is named the Woodrow Johansen Expressway. (§ 2 ch 33 SLA 1988)

**Cross references.** — For legislative findings, see sec. 1, ch. 33, SLA 1988 in the Temporary and Special Acts.

**Sec. 35.40.035. Veterans' memorials.** (a) In Anchorage, the Glenn Highway from mile 0 to mile 9 is designated the Veterans' Memorial Parkway.

(b) In Fairbanks, the bridge to be built across the Chena River at Barnette Street, is named the Veterans' Memorial Bridge.

(c) In Juneau, the Glacier Highway from Auke Bay (mile 12) to Echo Cove (mile 39) is designated the Juneau Veterans' Memorial Highway. (§ 1 ch 56 SLA 1989)

**Sec. 35.40.040. Robert J. Mitchell Expressway.** The South Fairbanks Expressway from the Parks Highway and Airport Road interchange to the Richardson Highway is named the Robert J. Mitchell Expressway. (§ 1 ch 56 SLA 1989)

**Sec. 35.40.045. Crabbie's Crossing.** Bridge number 694 at milepost 231.2 on the George Parks Highway is named Crabbie's Crossing. (§ 1 ch 56 SLA 1989)

**Sec. 35.40.050. Ralph M. Bartholomew Veterans' Memorial Bridge.** The bridge to be built across Tongass Narrows to Gravina Island shall be named the Ralph M. Bartholomew Veterans' Memorial Bridge. (§ 1 ch 56 SLA 1989; am § 1 ch 28 SLA 1998)

**Effect of amendments.** — The 1998 amendment, effective August 4, 1998, substituted "Ralph M. Bartholomew" for "Gravina."

**Sec. 35.40.055. Clint Starnes Memorial Bridge.** The bridge over the Swanson River in the Captain Cook Park area is named the Clint Starnes Memorial Bridge. (§ 1 ch 56 SLA 1989)

**Sec. 35.40.060. Charles E. Carney Memorial Bridge.** The bridge over the Little Susitna River on North Shushana Drive in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is named the Charles E. Carney Memorial Bridge. (§ 1 ch 56 SLA 1989)

**Sec. 35.40.065. Chief Eddie Hoffman Road.** The Bethel Airport road is named the Chief Eddie Hoffman Road. (§ 2 ch 86 SLA 1989)

**Revisor's notes.** — Enacted as AS 35.40.035. Re-numbered in 1989. connection with the enactment of this section, see § 1, ch. 86, SLA 1989 in the Temporary and Special Acts.

**Cross references.** — For legislative findings in

**Sec. 35.40.070. Bob Blodgett Nome-Teller Highway.** The road connecting Nome and Teller is named the Bob Blodgett Nome-Teller Highway. (§ 1 ch 8 SLA 1991)

**Sec. 35.40.075. Ina Johnston Bridge.** Bridge number 1192 on Edgerton Park Road over the Little Susitna River is named Ina Johnston Bridge. (§ 1 ch 8 SLA 1991)

**Sec. 35.40.080. Briggs Bridge.** Bridge number 1739 on Eagle River Loop Road over the Eagle River is named the Briggs Bridge. (§ 1 ch 124 SLA 1992)

**Sec. 35.40.085. Black veterans recognition bridge.** Bridge number 503 on the Alaska Highway over the Gerstle River at milepost 1392 is named Black Veterans Recognition Bridge. (§ 2 ch 42 SLA 1993)

**Cross references.** — For statement of legislative purpose in enacting this section, see § 1, ch. 42, SLA 1993 in the Temporary and Special Acts.

**Effective dates.** — Section 2, ch. 42, SLA 1993, which enacted this section, took effect on August 30, 1993.

**Sec. 35.40.090. Manvil H. Olson Bridge.** Bridge number 1030 off Schrock Road over the Little Susitna River is named the Manvil H. Olson Bridge. (§ 1 ch 19 SLA 1994)

**Effective dates.** — Section 1, ch. 19, SLA 1994, which enacted this section, took effect on August 3, 1994.

**Sec. 35.40.095. Mountain View Road.** State Route 296308 in Gustavus between the junction with the Good River Road and the boundary of the Glacier Bay National Park is named Mountain View Road. (§ 1 ch 7 SLA 1997)

**Effective dates.** — Section 1, ch. 7, SLA 1997, which enacted this section, took effect on July 1, 1997.

**Sec. 35.40.100. George W. Palmer Memorial Bridge.** Palmer Memorial Bridge. Bridge number 1951 on the Old Glenn Highway over the Matanuska River is named the George W. Palmer Memorial Bridge. (§ 1 ch 110 SLA 1997)

**Effective dates.** — Section 1, ch. 110, SLA 1997, which enacted this section, took effect on September 30, 1997.

**Sec. 35.40.105. East Egan Drive.** That portion of the Richardson Highway in Valdez between the intersection with Meals Avenue and the east intersection with Mineral Creek Loop Road is renamed East Egan Drive. (§ 1 ch 111 SLA 1997)

**Revisor's notes.** — Enacted as AS 35.40.100. Re-numbered in 1997. which enacted this section, took effect on September 30, 1997.

**Effective dates.** — Section 1, ch. 111, SLA 1997,

**Sec. 35.40.110. Robert B. Atwood Building.** After March 31, 2002, the state office building at 550 West Seventh Avenue in Anchorage is named the Robert B. Atwood Building. The name of the building may be changed before March 31, 2002, if a lessee and the state agree to a new name before March 31, 2002. (§ 1 ch 3 SLA 1998)

**Effective dates.** — Section 1, ch. 3, SLA 1998, which enacted this section, took effect on June 4, 1998.

**Sec. 35.40.115. Herman Leirer Road.** Exit Glacier Road off the Seward Highway near Seward is renamed Herman Leirer Road. (§ 1 ch 11 SLA 1998)

**Revisor's notes.** — Enacted as AS 35.40.110. Re-numbered in 1998.

**Effective dates.** — Section 1, ch. 11, SLA 1998, which enacted this section, took effect on July 8, 1998.

## Chapter 95. General Provisions.

### Section

- 10. Purpose and intent
- 100. Definitions

**Sec. 35.95.010. Purpose and intent.** The purpose of AS 35.05, AS 35.10, AS 35.15, and AS 35.20 is to establish a public works department capable of carrying out a public works planning and construction program that will provide public buildings necessary to efficient government, and boat harbors, jetties, dikes and breakwaters necessary to the economy of Alaska communities, all of which is to the advantage and benefit of the general welfare of the public. (§ 2 art I title I ch 152 SLA 1957; am § 32 ch 71 SLA 1972)

**Revisor's notes.** — Formerly AS 35.25.010. Re-numbered in 1987.

**Sec. 35.95.100. Definitions.** In this title, unless the context requires otherwise,  
(1) "construction" or a derivative of the term "construction" means construction, reconstruction, alteration, improvement or major repair;  
(2) "cost of change, relocation, or removal" means the entire cost incurred by the utility properly attributed to the change, relocation, or removal of a facility, less any costs for improvements or upgrading over and above the cost of a functionally equal facility; if a facility is to be relocated and replaced with new equipment, there shall also be subtracted from the entire cost any salvage value derived from the old facility;



# Palmer Police Department

423 SOUTH VALLEY WAY  
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12/10/99

MICHAEL J. LAMB  
CHIEF OF POLICE

PHONE: (907) 745-4811  
FAX: (907) 745-4276

Honorable Vic Kohring

7 December 1999

On May 15, 1999 law enforcement agencies around the country were honoring fallen officers for Police Memorial Day. I spent 14 hours that day assisting the Alaska State Troopers process the crime scene where Officer James Rowland was killed at 1:30 AM just off the Palmer/Wasilla Highway in Palmer. Officer Rowland was the first officer killed in the line of duty for the Palmer Police Department and to my knowledge, from the Mat-Su Valley.

I would like to request a bill be introduced that would co-name the Palmer/Wasilla Highway as the "James Arland Rowland Jr. Memorial Highway." For mail and address purposes the connection from Palmer to Wasilla can remain the Palmer/Wasilla Highway. Something as simple as blue sign could be attached to the existing signs.

Officer Rowland's death was a tremendous tragedy and blow to our community. He grew up in Palmer and at the time of his death lived in the Wasilla area where his widow and son still reside. Many people knew him and mourned his death. Community response to help finish the home he was building for his family was overwhelming. Jim Rowland gave his life for what he believed and will not be forgotten. I believe this last acknowledgment of a cop's professionalism and dedication to the safety of our communities is justified and would be sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully,

Thomas Remaley  
Sergeant

**Subject: HB 266**

**Date:** Tue, 11 Jan 2000 09:07:47 -0900

**From:** Amy Erickson <Amy\_Erickson@legis.state.ak.us>

**Organization:** Alaska State Legislature

**To:** Randy\_Lorenz@legis.state.ak.us

Randy,

Do you happen to have the address for the Rowland family, Hallie and James III? I'd like to respond to their letter by mentioning Vic's HB 266 but am unable to confirm their addresses through voter registration.

Thanks,  
Amy

**Subject: Palmer-Wasilla Highway**

**Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 11:55:41 -0900**

**From: Roger & Theresa Billiet <billiet@ptialaska.net>**

**To: Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us**

Mr. Kohring,

I would like to tell you that I 100% support the idea of naming the Palmer/Wasilla Highway after slain Palmer Police Officer Jim Rowland. I knew Jim personally, and I can think of no one else who deserves such an honor more than him and his surviving family. Thank You!

Roger Billiet

**Subject:**

**Date:** Tue, 11 Jan 2000 11:52:59 -0900

**From:** "George & Sharon Garren" <garren@denalics.net>

**To:** <Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>

Mr. Kohring,

My family would like to express our support in changing the Palmer-Wasilla Hwy. to the James Rowland Memorial Parkway.

Sharon Garren

Renaming Palmer-Wasilla Highway

**Subject: Renaming Palmer-Wasilla Highway**

**Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 11:59:29 -0500**

**From: "Dale Besse" <hdb7@home.com>**

**To: <Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>**

Dear Sir,

This email is to voice support in renaming the Palmer-Wasilla Highway after slain policeman James R. Rowland, II. I believe it would be a fitting tribute to a man who gave his all for his community. Jim Rowland was my brother in law, married to my sister Hallie. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Henry D. Besse  
7823 Hampton Drive  
Morrisville, PA 19067  
215-295-2926

Rename the highway

**Subject: Rename the highway**

**Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 10:55:18 EST**

**From: Heidiboink@aol.com**

**To: Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us**

Greetings.

I support the effort to rename the Palmer/Wasila Highway in honor of Jim Rowland, the officer that gave his life in the line of duty.  
James Newbold

**Subject: Fwd: House Bill 266**  
**Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 10:44:08 EST**  
**From: Devonites@cs.com**  
**To: Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us**

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**Subject: House Bill 266**  
**Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 09:28:25 EST**  
**From: Devonites@cs.com**  
**To: Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us**  
**CC: JaniceF.I@aol.com, bigdaddydonut@yahoo.com, hkgoodrich@juno.com**

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express support of renaming Palmer-Wasilla Highway after slain police officer James R. Rowland, II. It would be a touching and honorable tribute to a person who died while protecting his community. Jim certainly was zealous in his duties as a police officer, and died doing what he loved best.

Jim Rowland was my brother in law, married to my younger sister Hallie. Renaming the highway on which he died will help to seal his memory within the community, but more importantly, provide a lasting legacy for his 5 year old son that his father died a hero. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

On a closing note, I'd like to add that my parents as well of all my siblings have lived in Alaska for several years, at one point or another. We love Alaska's beauty and the people who live there!

Sincerely,  
Pattie Tanno  
3413 West Devon Rd  
Muncie, IN 47304

n support'

**Subject: In support**

**Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 07:28:20 -0500 (EST)**

**From: Macdadd@webtv.net**

**To: Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us**

Dear sir,

I am in support of changing the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the name of the policeman who lost his life in the line of duty, the Jim Rowland Highway. Please support this bill. Thanks.

Dennis Langdon

Re: Renaming the Palmer-Wasilla Highway

**Subject: Re: Renaming the Palmer-Wasilla Highway**

**Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 05:47:59 EST**

**From: JaniceFJ@aol.com**

**To: Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us**

Dear Mr. Kohring:

I would like to voice my support in renaming the Palmer-Wasilla Highway after the late James A. Rowland, II. Jim was my brother-in-law and he gave the ultimate price for service to his community when he was killed in the line of duty as a policeman. As such, I believe renaming the highway would be an appropriate honor that would be appreciated very much by his loved-ones, as well as others who knew him.

Sincerely,

Janice Johnson  
6121 S. Proctor Road  
Muncie, IN 47302  
(765) 286-8656

Re-naming of Hwy.

**Subject: Re-naming of Hwy.**

**Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 05:10:57 EST**

**From: KER194@aol.com**

**To: Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us**

I recently heard of a proposal to rename a Hwy after the slain Law Enforcement officer. I wanted to write in order to offer my support for this idea. Please continue on this effort.

Thank you,  
Kurt E. Rasco

ParaBandit@aol.com wrote:

I am writing you in support of the bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the "Jim Rowland Highway".

Thanks for your support.

Dave Bridgman

Jeff Sterling wrote:

Mr. Kohring, As a SDPD officer I support renaming a highway after an officer killed in the line of duty. Please add my name to the list of supporters. Thank you. Jeff Sterling

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MARK CARLSON wrote:

I just want you to know that we support the renaming of the PALMER/WASILLA Highway to the Jim ROWLAND Highway.

Sincerely,

Mark Carlson

Barbara Carlson

# CORRECTION

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Central Microfilm Services  
Department of Education & Early Development  
State of Alaska

MARK CARLSON wrote:

I just want you to know that we support the renaming of the PALMER/WASILLA Highway to the Jim ROWLAND Highway.

Sincerely,

Mark Carlson

Barbara Carlson

SW2944MAG@aol.com wrote:

Dear Sir,

Just a short letter in support of renaming the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to The James Rowland Highway. It seems a small thing in the wake of a dead Police Officer. A small thing indeed.

Walter Skodmin  
P.B.A. 152  
Middlesex County N.J.

Kathy Schwartz wrote:

I support the bill to rename  
the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway.  
This is a great idea and a tribute to our dedicated law enforcement people  
in Alaska.

kelly swihart wrote:

Dear Mr. Kohring,

I am a police officer in Palmer, and would like to take a moment to express my thanks to you for supporting HB266. Jim Rowland was a close friend of mine and a good officer.

You may remember on 10 July 1998, our department came in contact with Michael Griffin. Griffin was wanted in connection with a burglary that had happened earlier in Wasilla. After Griffin's arrest, he was able to steal Officer Rowland's police car, and subsequently tried to run down Trooper Sgt. Ballard and myself. Jim Rowland saved my life that evening by shooting Griffin as Griffin tried to run me over with the stolen patrol car. This was a horrible incident Officer Rowland, and the rest of us, had to endure, but Jim did so selflessly and professionally. Jim always put others first and himself second.

Jim Rowland was a good and well respected person in our community. He gave so much of himself in everything he did. I believe that dedicating the Palmer Wasilla Highway to Jim is a fitting way for the community he did so much for to give a little back.

Again, I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,  
Kelly P. Swihart

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Tim & Jennifer Bleicher wrote:

Dear Sir, Several of my friends and I are very interested in supporting the proposal to also name the Palmer/Wasilla Highway the "Officer Jim Rowland Memorial Highway". Let us never forget the ultimate sacrifice made by those serving the public in our state. Thank you, Tim Bleicher PO Box 3476 Palmer, Ak 99645

GERM578@aol.com wrote:

Mr. Kohring,

I am writing to you in reference to the bill to have the name of the Palmer/Wasilla highway changed in honor of fallen Officer Jim Rowland. I fully support your efforts and wish you luck in getting the bill and name change passed quickly.

Jim Miller  
PBA 152  
Middlesex County, NJ

margie escobar wrote:

Rep. Kohring,

I am writing to express my support for the renaming of the Palmer-Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway. I can not think of a more appropriate way to show our respect and honor to Officer Rowland's family and his memory. As time heals the painful memory of this tragic loss, renaming this road will allow us and future generations to never forget the sacrifice Officer Rowland made.

I am writing this letter as friend, co-worker and neighbor of Officer Rowland.

Sincerely,  
Margie Escobar

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Rotny@netscape.net wrote:

Naming a highway after a fallen comrade would be a great tribute to the dedication and sacrifice of all police officers. Jim Rowland Highway

Sergeant Rod Vandiver  
San Diego Police Department

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Kevin Tiemann wrote:

Dear Sir,

I support the bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway.

Sincerely,  
Kay Tiemann  
Boise, Idaho

Ryan Rockom wrote:

Dear Sir. I would like to voice my support for the bill that would rename the Palmer/Wasilla highway, the "Jim Rowland Highway." It's the least that we Alaskans can do to show our support and respect for Officer Rowland, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Thank you for your consideration. Ryan Rockom Anchorage

Robert Langendorfer wrote:

I support the idea of turning the Palmer Wasilla Hwy. to the Jim Rowland Highway. The fact that he gave his life to serve the community has far more importance than keeping the old road name just because that is what it has been called.

Trp. Rob Langendorfer

**Subject: Support**

**Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 06:56:40 PST**

**From: "Trad Gulbranson" <tradgg@hotmail.com>**

**To: Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us**

Dear Representative,

Based on the circumstances of this tragedy, I would support the bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway.

Thank you,

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Jim Rowland Highway

**Subject: Jim Rowland Highway**

**Date:** Sat, 15 Jan 2000 08:36:08 -0600

**From:** "Eric Macklanburg" <emack31@email.msn.com>

**Organization:** Microsoft Corporation

**To:** <Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>

I support the bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway.

Thank you,

Eric D. Macklanburg

Jim Rowland Highway

**Subject: Jim Rowland Highway**

**Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 04:29:49 -0800**

**From: "RD Glass" <windoman@adnc.com>**

**To: <Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>**

Dear Sir:

I am e-mailing you to let you know I support the bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway. Although I did not know Jim, I am a law enforcement officer and I think that renaming a highway in your district would be a nice memorial to this officer. Thank you for submitting this proposal. Ron Glass

name of Palmer Wasilla highway

**Subject:** name of Palmer Wasilla highway

**Date:** Fri, 14 Jan 2000 23:54:47 PST

**From:** "william krostek" <wjkkrostek@hotmail.com>

**To:** Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

I'm against you renameing The highway as reported in the Frontiersman today.  
Just tought I'd let you know.

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Re: Bill to change hiway name

**Subject:** Re: Bill to change hiway name  
**Date:** Fri, 14 Jan 2000 20:36:53 -0900  
**From:** Representative Vic Kohring <Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>  
**Organization:** Alaska State Legislature  
**To:** Tyler Chavers <tylerc@gci.net>

Dear Yyler:

I appreciate your message regarding re-naming the Palmer-Wasilla Highway to the James Rowland Memorial Highway. I agree that it's an appropriate honor to bestow upon him. I've drafted and filed legislation to accomplish this, and our first hearing will be next Tuesday in the House Transportation Committee.

Thank you for your correspondence, and I wish you and your family a happy 2000.

With best regards,

Rep. Vic Kohring

P.S. Thanks also for the quote from Ghandhi. It was excellent.

Tyler Chavers wrote:

> VIC-  
>  
> I support, and am asking you to move on the issue (bill), of changing the  
> name of the Palmer/Wasilla hiway to the "Jim Rowland Memorial Hiway" in  
> honor of this Law Enforcement Officer who gave everything he had doing the  
> job he was sworn to do.  
>  
> Thank You,  
>  
> A brother officer,  
>  
> Tyler Chavers 696-7692  
>  
> "The 8 blunders that lead to violence in society: Wealth w/o work, Pleasure  
> w/o conscience, Knowledge w/o character, Commerce w/o morality, Science w/o  
> humanity, Worship w/o sacrifice, Politics w/o principle, and Rights w/o  
> responsibilities."- Mohandas K. Ghandhi

Dear Rep. Tohring,

I am in favor of House  
Bill #206 passing!

As friends of the slain  
Palmer Police officer, I  
appreciate the work you  
& your aides are doing  
to promote the memory of  
Jim Rowland!

Thanks -

Mrs. Jean Hughes

Ward. 7 W-00; 111. January 11, 2000

Attention: Rep. Vic Kohring:

I am strongly in favor of  
House Bill # 266 passing.

Thank you for your efforts  
in honoring my friend, slain  
Palmer Police Officer,

James Roland

by re-naming the Palmer -  
Wasilla Highway in memory  
of James Roland.

Thank you for your efforts  
and influence in this matter.

Sincerely,

Rev. Edward L. Hughes

The Highway

**Subject: The Highway**

**Date:** Fri, 14 Jan 2000 02:53:07 -0500 (EST)

**From:** John Cyr <sandyjohn@write.me.com>

**To:** Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Sir,

I worked with Jim for two years. We were sworn in together as Palmer City Reserve Officers. I was hired as a Full time officer before Jim and he then later became my shift partner. Jim and I worked together for about 1 year before I moved to the Troopers. I would like to see the Highway's name changed.

John Cyr.

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Renaming Palmer/Wasilla Highway

**Subject: Renaming Palmer/Wasilla Highway**

**Date:** Fri, 14 Jan 2000 08:56:01 -0500

**From:** "PatriciaPierce" <papierce@ij.net>

**To:** <Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>

Please consider the renaming of the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated. Thanks

Richard and Patricia Pierce

Jim Rowland Highway

**Subject: Jim Rowland Highway**

**Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 08:15:29 PST**

**From: "Evans Family" <evans\_6@hotmail.com>**

**To: Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us**

Dear Sir-

As a police officer, i put my life on the line everyday with no regard of what my death might do to my family in protection of the people. My family and myself support this bill and urge you to do the right think.

Johnny Evans

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Jim Rowland Highway

**Subject: Jim Rowland Highway**

**Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 08:15:42 PST**

**From: "Evans Family" <evans\_6@hotmail.com>**

**To: Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us**

Dear Sir-

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Johnny Evans

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Rename Palmer/Wasilla Hwy.

**Subject: Rename Palmer/Wasilla Hwy.**

**Date:** Fri, 14 Jan 2000 16:24:52 GMT

**From:** "K W" <kwaitman@hotmail.com>

**To:** Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Please support the bill to rename  
the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway.

Thank you,  
Kay Waitman

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(no subject)

**Subject:** (no subject)

**Date:** Thu, 13 Jan 2000 19:57:50 EST

**From:** LSD321@aol.com

**To:** Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Good Evening,

As the wife of an officer losing my husband in the line of fire is one my greatest fears. Please count me as a supporter on the Palmer/Wasilla Highway.

Lissette D. Shumny  
New Jersey

Support the renaming of highway

**Subject: Support the renaming of highway**

**Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 19:09:18 EST**

**From: PEASWEET78@aol.com**

**To: Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us**

My husband and I are in full support of a bill to rename the highway, "James Rowland Highway." It is the least we can do for a person who swore to serve and protect the people of Alaska because it cost him his life.  
Jennifer and David McGough

**Subject: House Bill #266**

**Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 09:42:01 -0900**

**From: Steve Stewart <alaskabestpawn@matnet.com>**

**To: Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us**

Thursday January 13, 2000

Re: House Bill #266

Representative Kohring,

This letter is to inform you that we fully support the re-naming of the Palmer-Wasilla Highway to the James Arland Rowland Jr. Memorial Highway, in honor of slain Palmer Police Officer Rowland.

As the owners of Alaska Best Pawn, located at Mile 2.3 Palmer-Wasilla Highway, and of other property along this highway, we do not think this will affect our business in any detrimental way.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ruth and Steve Stewart  
HC01 6027A10  
Palmer, Alaska 99645  
(907) 745-7033

**Subject: House Bill #266**

**Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 10:17:17 -0900**

**From: Steve Stewart <alaskabestpawn@matnet.com>**

**To: Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us**

Thursday January 13, 2000

Re: House Bill #266

Representative Kohring,

This email is to inform you that we support the renaming of the Palmer-Wasilla Highway to the James Arland Rowland Jr. Memorial Highway in memory of the Palmer Police Officer killed in the line of duty.

We both grew up in the Valley and after some time in Anchorage, we are returning to the Valley. I had known Jim Rowland all my life and think his memory should be honored in this way.

Thank you,

Amber and Chris Kulhanek  
2267 Lake Lucille Drive  
Wasilla, AK 99654  
(907) 373-7563  
email: jesterak@yahoo.com

**Subject: House Bill #266**

**Date:** Thu, 13 Jan 2000 09:59:11 -0900

**From:** Steve Stewart <alaskabestpawn@matnet.com>

**To:** Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Thursday January 13, 2000

Re: House Bill #266

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As the owner of Tools and Tarps, located at Mile 2.3 Palmer-Wasilla Highway, I do not think this will affect my business in any harmful way.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Katina Stewart  
HC01 6027C  
Palmer, AK 99645  
(907) 745-7037  
email: katina@matnet.com

Jim Rowland Highway

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Jim Rowland

**Subject: Jim Rowland**

**Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 13:30:30 -0800**

**From: Stan and Brenda Glisson <glisson@jetcity.com>**

**To: Representative\_Vic\_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us**

I support the bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway.  
Brenda Glisson