

SENATE BILL NO. 74

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 2/5/21

Referred: Transportation, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act providing for and relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds for the
2 purpose of paying the cost of state infrastructure projects, including construction,
3 communications, major maintenance, public safety, and transportation projects; and
4 providing for an effective date."

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

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

8 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. For the purpose of paying the cost of state
9 infrastructure projects and costs incident to the sale and issuance of the bonds, general
10 obligation bonds of the state in the principal amount of not more than \$356,405,952, if ratified
11 by a majority of the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, shall be issued and
12 sold. The full faith, credit, and resources of the state are pledged to the payment of the
13 principal of and interest and redemption premium, if any, on the bonds. The bonds shall be
14 issued under the provisions of AS 37.15 as those provisions read at the time of issuance.

1 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
2 read:

3 2021 STATE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FUND. If the issuance of the bonds is
4 ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, a special
5 fund of the state to be known as the "2021 state infrastructure project fund" shall be
6 established, to which shall be credited the proceeds of the sale of the bonds described in sec. 1
7 of this Act including premiums.

8 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
9 read:

10 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
11 DEVELOPMENT. The amount of \$8,500,000 is appropriated from the 2021 state
12 infrastructure project fund to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic
13 Development for the West Susitna Road Access Project.

14 * **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
15 read:

16 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT. The amount of
17 \$41,882,000 is appropriated from the 2021 state infrastructure project fund to the Department
18 of Education and Early Development to be allocated among the following projects in the
19 amounts listed subject to reallocation between projects in accordance with AS 37.07.080(e):

20 PROJECT	AMOUNT
21 Houston Middle School Replacement	\$ 9,000,000
22 Major Maintenance Grant Fund for	25,000,000
23 School Major Maintenance	
24 Mt. Edgecumbe High School Repairs	7,882,000

25 * **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
26 read:

27 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES. The amount of
28 \$23,605,800 is appropriated from the 2021 state infrastructure project fund to the Department
29 of Health and Social Services to be allocated among the following projects in the amounts
30 listed subject to reallocation between projects in accordance with AS 37.07.080(e):

31 PROJECT	AMOUNT
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1	Fairbanks Pioneer Home Roof and	\$ 2,441,800
2	Flooring Replacement	
3	Fairbanks Youth Facility	18,896,000
4	Palmer Veterans' and Pioneer Home Roof Replacement	2,268,000

5 * **Sec. 6.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
6 read:

7 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. The amount
8 of \$19,500,000 is appropriated from the 2021 state infrastructure project fund to the
9 Department of Labor and Workforce Development for Alaska Vocational Technical Center
10 upgrades

11 * **Sec. 7.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
12 read:

13 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. The amount of
14 \$14,029,500 is appropriated from the 2021 state infrastructure project fund to the Department
15 of Military and Veterans Affairs to be allocated among the following projects in the amounts
16 listed subject to reallocation between projects in accordance with AS 37.07.080(e):

17	PROJECT	AMOUNT
18	Alaska Public Safety Communication Services	\$12,00,000
19	System Upgrades	
20	Alcantra Armory and Arc-Flash Improvements	837,500
21	Heney Range Shelter Replacement	442,000
22	Summit Lake Foundation Repairs	150,000
23	Statewide Tower Lighting System Replacement	600,000

24 * **Sec. 8.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
25 read:

26 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. The amount of \$38,079,000 is
27 appropriated from the 2021 state infrastructure project fund to the Department of Natural
28 Resources to be allocated among the following projects in the amounts listed subject to
29 reallocation between projects in accordance with AS 37.07.080(e):

30	PROJECT	AMOUNT
31	Arctic Strategic Transportation and Resource Project	\$ 2,100,000

1	Survey, Coastal Hazard Assessment, and	
2	Petroleum Geology Fieldwork	
3	Fairbanks to Seward Multi-Use Recreation	13,200,000
4	Trail Construction	
5	Statewide Park Sanitation Facilities Upgrades	2,029,000
6	Statewide Firebreak Construction Program	20,000,000
7	Wildland Fire Engine Replacement	250,000
8	Wildland Firefighting Aircraft Replacement	500,000

9 * **Sec. 9.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
10 read:

11 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. The amount of \$3,400,000 is appropriated
12 from the 2021 state infrastructure project fund to the Department of Public Safety to be
13 allocated among the following projects in the amounts listed subject to reallocation between
14 projects in accordance with AS 37.07.080(e):

15	PROJECT	AMOUNT
16	Alaska Wildlife Troopers Marine Enforcement	\$2,400,000
17	Repair and Replacement	
18	Boating Upgrades, Haul Outs, and Vessel	1,000,000
19	Replacement	

20 * **Sec. 10.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
21 read:

22 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES. The amount
23 of \$175,658,488 is appropriated from the 2021 state infrastructure project fund to the
24 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to be allocated among the following
25 projects in the amounts listed subject to reallocation between projects in accordance with
26 AS 37.07.080(e):

27	PROJECT	AMOUNT
28	Airport Way (West) Improvements	\$ 1,800,000
29	Anton Anderson Memorial (Whittier) Tunnel	1,000,000
30	Bethel Airport	4,247,000
31	Cordova Airport	3,617,000

1	Craig Harbor	8,300,000
2	Dalton Highway Repairs and Upgrades	28,830,000
3	Deadhorse Airport	2,952,000
4	Denali Highway Mile Point 24 - 25 (Milepost 22)	540,000
5	Rock Creek Bridge Replacement	
6	Fairbanks Airport	1,880,000
7	Glenn Highway: Parks Highway to	4,400,000
8	South Inner Springer Loop (Cienna Avenue)	
9	Homer Airport	4,991,000
10	Hyder Float Breakwater Replacement	1,000,000
11	Kenai Spur Road Improvements	3,100,000
12	Ketchikan South Tongass Highway	5,550,000
13	Klawock Airport	3,091,000
14	Kodiak Chiniak Highway	2,360,000
15	Kotzebue Airport	1,766,000
16	Kotzebue Cape Blossom Road	3,400,000
17	Municipal Harbor Grants Program	14,049,988
18	Nome Airport	2,483,000
19	Nome Port Road Improvements	500,000
20	Parks Highway Bridge Replacement	3,000,000
21	Montana Creek, Sheep Creek, and Goose	
22	Creek Bridges	
23	Parks Highway Little Goldstream Creek	770,000
24	Bridge Replacement	
25	Richardson Highway Mile Point 117 - 151	10,400,000
26	Rehabilitation and Widening and	
27	Milepost 268 - 343 Passing Lanes	
28	Seward Highway Miles 76 - 81	10,420,000
29	Seward Meridian Road Improvements	3,700,000
30	Shageluk Airport Access Road Improvements	750,000
31	Sterling Highway Miles 8 - 25	29,911,500

1	Takonta Gold Creek Bridge and Tatalina Bridge	500,000
2	Replacement	
3	Unalaska Harbor	9,300,000
4	Utqiagvik Airport	4,851,000
5	Wasilla Airport	2,199,000

6 * **Sec. 11.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
7 read:

8 UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA. The amount of \$29,978,000 is appropriated from the
9 2021 state infrastructure project fund to the University of Alaska to be allocated among the
10 following projects in the amounts listed subject to reallocation between projects in accordance
11 with AS 37.07.080(e):

12	PROJECT	AMOUNT
13	Bartlett and Moore Hall Modernization:	\$18,650,000
14	Restrooms and Sanitation Infrastructure	
15	UAA Building Energy Performance Upgrades	10,900,000
16	UAA Integrated Sciences Building (CPISB)	428,000
17	Combined Heat and Power Energy Savings Project	

18 * **Sec. 12.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
19 read:

20 STATE BOND COMMITTEE. If the issuance of the bonds is ratified by a majority of
21 the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, the amount of \$1,773,164 or as
22 much of that amount as is found necessary is appropriated from the proceeds of the bond sale
23 to the state bond committee to carry out the provisions of this Act and to pay expenses
24 incident to the sale and issuance of the bonds authorized in this Act.

25 * **Sec. 13.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
26 read:

27 LAPSE; REDEMPTION; REIMBURSEMENT. The unexpended and unobligated
28 balances of the appropriations made in secs. 3 - 11 of this Act lapse under AS 37.25.020 and
29 are appropriated to the state bond committee to redeem bonds sold under this Act. The
30 amounts expended from the general fund to pay the principal, interest, and redemption
31 premium on bonds issued under this Act shall be reimbursed to the general fund from the

1 appropriation made under this section to the extent that the money is not needed to redeem the
2 bonds.

3 * **Sec. 14.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
4 read:

5 **BALLOT QUESTION.** The question whether the bonds authorized in this Act are to
6 be issued shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state at a statewide special election
7 to be held on a date not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days after adjournment of the
8 First Regular Session of the Thirty-Second Alaska State Legislature and shall read
9 substantially as follows:

10 **P R O P O S I T I O N**

11 State General Obligation \$356,405,952

12 State Infrastructure Project Bonds

13 Shall the State of Alaska issue its general obligation bonds in
14 the principal amount of not more than \$356,405,952 for the
15 purpose of paying the cost of state infrastructure projects?

16 Bonds Yes []

17 Bonds No []

18 * **Sec. 15.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).