

**BILL NO.**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

**Introduced:**

**Referred:**

**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, major**  
3 **maintenance, port and transportation projects; and providing for an effective date."**

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

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

7 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. For the purpose of paying the cost of state  
8 infrastructure projects and costs incident to the sale and issuance of the bonds, general  
9 obligation bonds of the state in the principal amount of not more than \$310,095,000, if ratified  
10 by a majority of the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, shall be issued and  
11 sold. The full faith, credit, and resources of the state are pledged to the payment of the  
12 principal of and interest and redemption premium, if any, on the bonds. The bonds shall be  
13 issued under the provisions of AS 37.15 as those provisions read at the time of issuance.

14 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

1 read:

2 2022 STATE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FUND. If the issuance of the bonds is  
3 ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, a special  
4 fund of the state to be known as the "2022 state infrastructure project fund" shall be  
5 established as a separate fund in the general fund, to which shall be credited the proceeds of  
6 the sale of the bonds described in sec. 1 of this Act including premiums.

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

9 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC  
10 DEVELOPMENT. The amount of \$242,900,000 is appropriated from the 2022 state  
11 infrastructure project fund to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic  
12 Development to be awarded as grants under AS 37.05.315 to recipients for projects as  
13 follows:

14 PROJECT	AMOUNT
15 City of Craig - Craig Harbor	\$8,300,000
16 City of Craig - Mariculture Infrastructure	5,000,000
17 Kenai River Bluffs Stabilization	6,500,000
18 Ketchikan Gateway Borough - 19 Ketchikan International Airport Terminal	7,500,000
20 Knik Arm Port Infrastructure	175,000,000
21 City of Nenana - Nenana Fire Hall Replacement	5,000,000
22 Port of Nome - Deep Draft Port	10,000,000
23 City of Palmer - Warren "Bud" Woods 24 Palmer Municipal Airport Taxiway	6,500,000
25 City of Seward - Freight Dock Expansion and 26 Corridor Improvements	5,000,000
27 City of Wasilla - Wasilla Airport Runway and Terminal	14,100,000

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

30 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES. The amount  
31 of \$47,000,000 is appropriated from the 2022 state infrastructure project fund to the

1 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to be allocated among the following  
2 projects in the amounts listed subject to reallocation between projects in accordance with  
3 AS 37.07.080(e):

4 PROJECT	AMOUNT
5 Juneau Access	\$25,000,000
6 Northern Access Project to University Medical District	22,000,000

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

9 UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA. The amount of \$18,650,000 is appropriated from the  
10 2021 state infrastructure project fund to the University of Alaska to be allocated for the  
11 Bartlett and Moore Hall Modernization and Renewal project.

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

14 STATE BOND COMMITTEE. If the issuance of the bonds is ratified by a majority of  
15 the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, the amount of \$1,545,000 or as  
16 much of that amount as is found necessary is appropriated from the proceeds of the bond sale  
17 to the state bond committee to carry out the provisions of this Act and to pay expenses  
18 incident to the sale and issuance of the bonds authorized in this Act.

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

21 LAPSE; REDEMPTION; REIMBURSEMENT. The unexpended and unobligated  
22 balances of the appropriations made in secs. 3 - 6 of this Act lapse under AS 37.25.020 and  
23 are appropriated to the state bond committee to redeem bonds sold under this Act. The  
24 amounts expended from the general fund to pay the principal, interest, and redemption  
25 premium on bonds issued under this Act shall be reimbursed to the general fund from the  
26 appropriation made under this section to the extent that the money is not needed to redeem the  
27 bonds.

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

30 OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. Notwithstanding AS 37.10.087(a)(1),  
31 if the issuance of the bonds is ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the state who

1 vote on the question, any of the authorized state agencies with authorized projects will have  
2 the ability to request use of the general fund for any funding required in advance of the  
3 issuance of bonds in cooperation with the Office of Management and Budget and pursuant to  
4 the procedure outlined in AS 37.10.087. Any encumbrances required for contracts, the cash  
5 flows of which extend beyond two years, may be made from the general fund. All  
6 encumbrances and infrastructure cash flow expenditure projections shall be updated at least  
7 annually on June 30.

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

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

15 **PROPOSITION**

16 State General Obligation \$310,095,000

17 State Infrastructure Project Bonds

18 Shall the State of Alaska issue general obligation bonds in the  
19 principal amount of not more than \$310,095,000 for the purpose  
20 of paying the cost of state infrastructure projects?

21 Bonds Yes [ ]

22 Bonds No [ ]

23 \* **Sec. 10.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).