

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 74(TRA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/24/21**

**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR**

**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 bonds, general obligation  
10 bonds of the state in the principal amount of not more than \$303,797,585, if ratified by a  
11 majority of the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, shall be issued and sold.  
12 The full faith, credit, and resources of the state are pledged to the payment of the principal of  
13 and interest and redemption premium, if any, on the bonds. The bonds shall be issued under  
14 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 EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT. The amount of  
11 \$41,880,866 is appropriated from the 2021 state infrastructure project fund to the Department  
12 of Education and Early Development to be allocated among the following projects in the  
13 amounts listed subject to reallocation between projects in accordance with AS 37.07.080(e),  
14 however, a reallocation may not increase the total allocation for a project by more than 10  
15 percent:

PROJECT	AMOUNT
Anderson K-12 School partial roof replacement	\$1,070,088
Birchwood Elementary School roof replacement	1,870,053
Blackwell K-12 School fire alarm upgrades	79,975
Craig Middle School rehabilitation	4,883,525
Eagle River Elementary School improvements	5,255,747
Galena Interior Learning Academy composite building renovation	5,722,672
Houston Middle School replacement	9,000,000
Kake schools heating upgrades	193,821
Mt. Edgecumbe High School repairs	7,882,000
Nenana K-12 School flooring and asbestos abatement	399,039
Sayeik Gastineau Community School partial roof replacement	1,007,500
West High School roof replacement	4,516,446

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

1 read:

2 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES. The amount of  
3 \$23,605,800 is appropriated from the 2021 state infrastructure project fund to the Department  
4 of Health and Social Services to be allocated among the following projects in the amounts  
5 listed subject to reallocation between projects in accordance with AS 37.07.080(e), however,  
6 a reallocation may not increase the total allocation for a project by more than 10 percent:

7 PROJECT	AMOUNT
8 Fairbanks Pioneer Home roof and 9 flooring replacement	\$ 2,441,800
10 Fairbanks Youth Facility	18,896,000
11 Palmer Alaska Veterans and Pioneers Home roof replacement	2,268,000

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

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

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

20 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS. The amount of  
21 \$14,029,500 is appropriated from the 2021 state infrastructure project fund to the Department  
22 of Military and Veterans' Affairs to be allocated among the following projects in the amounts  
23 listed subject to reallocation between projects in accordance with AS 37.07.080(e), however,  
24 a reallocation may not increase the total allocation for a project by more than 10 percent:

25 PROJECT	AMOUNT
26 Alaska public safety communication services 27 system upgrades	\$12,000,000
28 Alcantra Armory and arc-flash improvements	837,500
29 Heney Range shelter replacement	442,000
30 Summit Lake foundation repairs	150,000
31 Statewide tower lighting system replacement	600,000

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

3 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. The amount of \$24,723,500 is  
4 appropriated from the 2021 state infrastructure project fund to the Department of Natural  
5 Resources to be allocated among the following projects in the amounts listed subject to  
6 reallocation between projects in accordance with AS 37.07.080(e), however, a reallocation  
7 may not increase the total allocation for a project by more than 10 percent:

8 PROJECT	AMOUNT
9 Fairbanks to Seward multi-use recreation	13,200,000
10 trail construction	
11 Statewide park sanitation facilities upgrades	2,029,000
12 Statewide firebreak new construction	8,744,500
13 Wildland fire engine replacement	250,000
14 Wildland firefighting aircraft replacement	500,000

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

17 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. The amount of \$3,400,000 is appropriated  
18 from the 2021 state infrastructure project fund to the Department of Public Safety to be  
19 allocated among the following projects in the amounts listed subject to reallocation between  
20 projects in accordance with AS 37.07.080(e), however, a reallocation may not increase the  
21 total allocation for a project by more than 10 percent:

22 PROJECT	AMOUNT
23 Alaska wildlife troopers marine enforcement	\$2,400,000
24 repair and replacement	
25 Boating upgrades, haul outs, and vessel	1,000,000
26 replacement	

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

29 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES. The amount  
30 of \$145,168,488 is appropriated from the 2021 state infrastructure project fund to the  
31 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to be allocated among the following

1 projects in the amounts listed subject to reallocation between projects in accordance with  
 2 AS 37.07.080(e), however, a reallocation may not increase the total allocation for a project by  
 3 more than 10 percent:

4	PROJECT	AMOUNT
5	Airport Way (West) improvements	\$ 1,800,000
6	Craig Harbor	8,300,000
7	Cordova South Harbor	5,000,000
8	Dalton Highway repairs and upgrades	28,830,000
9	Denali Highway mile point 24 - 25 (milepost 22)	540,000
10	Rock Creek Bridge replacement	
11	Glenn Highway: Parks Highway to	4,400,000
12	South Inner Springer Loop (Cienna Avenue)	
13	Homer Airport	4,991,000
14	Hyder float breakwater replacement	1,000,000
15	Juneau Aurora Harbor	2,000,000
16	Kenai Spur Road improvements	3,100,000
17	Ketchikan South Tongass Highway	5,550,000
18	Kodiak Chiniak Highway	2,360,000
19	Kotzebue Airport	1,766,000
20	Nome Port Road improvements	500,000
21	Parks Highway Bridge replacement	3,000,000
22	Montana Creek, Sheep Creek, and Goose	
23	Creek Bridges	
24	Richardson Highway mile point 117 - 151	10,400,000
25	rehabilitation and widening and	
26	milepost 268 - 343 passing lanes	
27	Sand Point Harbor	3,560,000
28	Seward Harbor	1,729,988
29	Seward Highway miles 76 - 81	10,420,000
30	Seward Meridian Road improvements	3,700,000
31	Shageluk Airport Access Road improvements	750,000

1	Sitka Eliason Harbor	1,760,000
2	Sterling Highway miles 8 - 25	29,911,500
3	Takotna Gold Creek Bridge and Tatalina Bridge	500,000
4	replacement	
5	Unalaska Harbor	9,300,000

6 \* **Sec. 10.** 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), however, a reallocation may not increase the total allocation for a  
12 project by more than 10 percent:

13	PROJECT	AMOUNT
14	Bartlett and Moore Hall modernization:	\$18,650,000
15	restrooms and sanitation infrastructure	
16	UAA building energy performance upgrades	10,900,000
17	UAA integrated sciences building (CPISB)	428,000
18	combined heat and power energy savings project	

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

21 STATE BOND COMMITTEE. If the issuance of the bonds is ratified by a majority of  
22 the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, the amount of \$1,511,431 or as  
23 much of that amount as is found necessary is appropriated from the proceeds of the bond sale  
24 to the state bond committee to carry out the provisions of this Act and to pay expenses  
25 incident to the sale and issuance of the bonds authorized in this Act.

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

28 LAPSE; REDEMPTION; REIMBURSEMENT. The unexpended and unobligated  
29 balances of the appropriations made in secs. 3 - 10 of this Act lapse under AS 37.25.020 and  
30 are appropriated to the state bond committee to redeem bonds sold under this Act. The  
31 amounts expended from the general fund to pay the principal, interest, and redemption

1 premium on bonds issued under this Act shall be reimbursed to the general fund from the  
 2 appropriation made under this section to the extent that the money is not needed to redeem the  
 3 bonds.

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

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

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

12 State General Obligation \$303,797,585

13 State Infrastructure Project Bonds

14 Shall the State of Alaska issue its general obligation bonds in  
 15 the principal amount of not more than \$303,797,585 for the  
 16 purpose of paying the cost of state infrastructure projects?

17 Bonds Yes [ ]

18 Bonds No [ ]

19 \* **Sec. 14.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).