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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2599

A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for House Bill 184 Relating to the Sharing of Tax Revenues From the Fisheries Business Tax, and Fishery Resource Landing Tax, With Municipalities.

WHEREAS, the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau recognizes the majority of the public boat harbors in Alaska were constructed by the State of Alaska during the 1960s and 1970s; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska during the past 10 years has transferred ownership of most of these State-owned harbors, many of which were at or near the end of their service life at the time of transfer, to local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, local municipalities are in need of additional funding to repair, and in many cases replace, the components in these former State-owned harbors; and

WHEREAS, these harbor facilities represent critical transportation links and are the transportation hubs for waterfront commerce and economic development in Alaskan coastal communities, especially for those directly supporting the commercial fishing industry; and

WHEREAS, under the current tax system, the State shares revenues generated from the fisheries business tax and the fishery resource landing tax with the local municipalities where the fish are first landed/or processed, with 50% of the funds provided to the local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of House Bill 184, the local municipalities' share of the revenues generated from the fisheries business tax and the fishery resource landing tax would increase to 75%, with the intent that the additional revenue would help maintain and improve the harbor facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau supports House Bill 184 and urges passage by the Alaska Legislature and signature by the Governor.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 30th day of January, 2012.


Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:


Laurie J. Sica, Clerk