
FNSB MEMORANDUM

TO: FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

FROM: YURI MORGAN

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF ROAD SERVICE AREA CONSOLIDATION EFFORTS

DATE: 6.24.2021

The FNSB Assembly passed resolution [No. 2019-44](#) on 12.12.2019, which included a legislative priority to amend [AS 29.35.450](#) to better enable a second class borough to consolidate road service areas (RSAs) to reduce costs and increase efficiencies in maintaining local roads.

During the 2020 legislative session, FNSB personnel worked with Senator John Coghill and his staff to introduce a bill, [SB 218](#), providing second class boroughs with the ability to consolidate two or more RSAs conditioned upon (i) the boards representing those RSAs requesting consolidation, and (ii) no new parcels being added to the single new service area. SB 218 passed from the Senate Community & Regional Affairs committee in March 2020 and was referred to the Senate Rules Committee for scheduling on the Senate Floor. A companion House bill, [HB 289](#), was introduced by Representative Adam Wool and was referred to the House Community & Regional Affairs Committee. Neither bill advanced beyond S-RLS or H-C&RA, respectively, due to the Legislature's abbreviated 2020 session in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Both bills "died" upon adjournment of the 31st Alaska Legislature.

The FNSB Assembly voted to revive its RSA consolidation effort with the 32nd Alaska Legislature through passage of resolution [No. 2020-46](#) on 11.12.2020. FNSB personnel worked with Senator Robert Myers, Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee and Vice-Chair of the Senate Regional Affairs Committee, in the early weeks of the 2021 legislative session on amended bill language. In March 2021, [SB 105](#) was introduced reflecting the same language as had been introduced in the 2020 session. SB 105 was first referred to the Senate Transportation Committee where it was heard and held for consideration on March 25th. A second hearing was held March 30th to take public testimony; [strong opposition](#) was heard from the Fairbanks and North Pole areas.

At this time, SB 105 remains under consideration in the Senate Transportation Committee. It is believed that any advancement from this committee during the 2022 legislative session would require a local grass roots effort to inform RSA Board and community members, alike, of the benefits from RSA consolidation as intended under SB 105.