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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 304

Short Title: AIRPORT PARKING SHUTTLES/AIRPORT CHARGES

Summary:

- Directs the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to set rates for off-airport parking businesses that drop off or pick up travelers at airports based on use rather than gross revenue.

Benefits:

- Maintains fairness and equality in rates between the various types of businesses transporting people to and from an airport.

Background:

- AS 02.15.090 requires fees to be "reasonable and uniform for the same class of privileges and services." In 2005, the Department of Transportation proposed regulations to charge off-airport valet parking services a tax equal to 8 percent of gross revenues. That would be a considerable change from prior policy that required taxes to be levied equally between similar types of businesses. Right now, DOT charges taxis, courtesy shuttles, and limos \$50 dollars per year, per vehicle, while a bus that makes regularly scheduled visits to the airport pays a maximum of \$1,000 per year. SB 304 blocks DOT from charging off-airport parking services a tax based on gross revenues. These businesses are not getting any special privileges or accommodations from the airport when they deliver or pick up customers.