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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 327

Short Title: Rollerbladers Regulated Like Bicycles

Summary:

- Legalizes the use of roller-skis on the same public roadways where bicycles are allowed, subject to certain commonsense requirements.

Benefits:

- Allows cross-country ski athletes to utilize an important summer-time training technique.
- Provides specific guidelines relating to the safe conduct of roller-skiing activity.
- Aids our world-class ski athletes in their bid for success in international competitions.

Background:

Alaska is home to some of the best international, national, collegiate, and junior cross-country skiers in the world. During the summer months these athletes train on roadways using a device called a roller-ski. For many years roller-skier's legal use of public roadways was taken for granted. This assumption was successfully challenged in the Fairbanks area last fall, which gave rise to Senate Bill 327 to specifically legalize roller-skiing activity.