

Alaska State Legislature

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Sponsor Statement

House Bill 78

"An Act relating to adoption and use of a unified permit application form by the natural resource agencies; and repealing the Environmental Procedures Coordination Act."

This legislation streamlines the permit application process for Alaska projects – one project, one application, and an expedited timeline for the State to act. Currently, when a project requires permits from more than one resource agency, the applicant must fill out different forms for each permit. Applications may have different timelines and, while there is some unique information required for each form, much of the information collected is redundant.

House Bill 78 simplifies the application process. It consolidates the current forms into a single application, establishes a base timeline of 60 days, and creates a “clearinghouse” that oversees the process for the applicant. Having one application and one contact makes the permitting process faster, more efficient, and less confusing.

This bill also repeals the Environmental Procedures Coordination Act, a master application process that has never been successfully used.

House Bill 78 promotes effective, efficient and accountable government.