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### **Stedman Supports Low-Speed Vehicle Choice in Communities**

*Bill expands low-speed vehicle options and sustainable transportation*

(JUNEAU) – The Alaska State Legislature today passed Senate Bill 59, allowing expanded access for Low-Speed Vehicles on certain roads in Alaska.

“Low-Speed Vehicles are a cost effective option for transportation in small communities,” said Senator Bert Stedman (R-Sitka), sponsor of SB 59. “This new breed of vehicles is a growing sector of the auto industry and can help provide cheaper, sustainable transportation.”

Low-Speed Vehicles travel at a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour (mph) and are pre-eminently electric or hybrid designs. Current Alaska law only allows these vehicles to operate on roads with posted speed limits of 35 mph or less. In communities throughout Alaska, owners of electric cars are seeking access to more miles of road. SB 59 will allow low-speed electric vehicles on roads with posted speed limits of 45 mph or less. The bill includes an opt-in provision that allows communities to increase electric car usage if they so choose.

“Many small communities throughout Alaska have few road miles and low traffic volume providing a suitable environment for Low-Speed Vehicles,” explained Senator Stedman. “SB 59 allows municipalities to opt-in and expand access of low-speed vehicles at their discretion.”

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