

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## SENATOR BERT K. STEDMAN

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### SPONSOR STATEMENT

#### Senate Bill 25

#### *“An Act naming the South Mitkof Island ferry terminal the Richard ‘Dewey’ Duvall Ferry Terminal.”*

Senate Bill 25 would name the South Mitkof Ferry Terminal in Petersburg in honor of Richard “Dewey” Duvall. Mr. Duvall was a proponent of marine transportation in Southeast Alaska, a founding board member of the Inter-Island Ferry Authority (IFA), and a longtime resident of Petersburg.

A strong advocate of marine transportation, Richard Duvall served his community for many years as an IFA Board Member and Petersburg city councilman. His tireless advocacy on behalf of the IFA is credited with helping the authority organize and expand routes across southern Southeast Alaska. Up until his passing, he was a recognized leader who sought to improve Alaska’s quality of life through connecting communities. For over 10 years Richard played an important role in the leadership of the IFA and construction of its terminal at the southern end of Mitkof Island. Senate Bill 25 would name that terminal in his honor.

Under current law (AS 35.40.015), the State of Alaska may name public works infrastructure through an act of the legislature. Senate Bill 25 would honor a longtime resident of Petersburg who contributed a great deal to his community and Southeast Alaska. The bill is supported by the City of Petersburg.

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