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### **Sponsor Statement: Senate Bill 29** Extension of the Board of Marine Pilots

The Board of Marine Pilots (Board) protects the safety of the public and the environment by licensing and regulating marine pilots for almost all foreign vessels and vessels over a certain size in Alaskan waters. Board activities provide a good level of assurance that marine pilot licensees are competent and able to safely pilot passenger and cargo ships.

As required under Title 24 and Title 44 of the Alaska statutes, the Legislative Budget and Audit Division reviewed the actions of the Board of Marine Pilots. The audit found a continued need for the Board and that the Board is following the law, processing investigations timely, and actively changing regulations to “improve the industry and better protect the public.” The audit recommended the Legislature extend the Board’s termination date to June 30, 2027.

SB 29 extends the termination date of the Board of Marine Pilots to June 30, 2027.

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