**Informal Comments to Draft Bill Establishing a U.S. Arctic Seaway Infrastructure Development Corporation April 2018**

This went out via the legislative contacts list - just following up to see if someone from OCS or CO-OPS looked at it.  It apparently has only been comment on by OR&R.

The key takeaway here is that the corporation would be funded by tolls and bonds

The below passage is of interest.

SEC. 3. CREATION OF THE U.S. ARCTIC SEAWAY INFRA23

STRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

24 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby created, subject to the direction and supervision of the Secretary of Transportation, which shall work in conjunction with the

2 Department of State and with the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating, a body corporate to be known as the U.S. Arctic Seaway Infrastructure Development Corporation (herein after referred to as the ‘‘Corporation’’).

7 (b) MANAGEMENT.—

8 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The management of the

9 Corporation shall be vested in an Administrator who

10 shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of the

11 Corporation with the approval of the Secretary of

12 Transportation.

13 (2) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

14 (A) COMPOSITION.—There is established

15 the Board of Directors of the Corporation

16 (hereinafter referred to as the ‘‘Board of Direc17

tors’’), which shall be composed of 9 members

18 as follows:

19 (i) The Chair of the Board of Direc20

tors shall be designated by the President of

21 the United States.

22 (ii) The Administrator of the National

23 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

24 shall designate 1 senior representative to

25 the Board of Directors.

(C) FUNCTIONS.—The Board of Directors

5 shall develop a set of policy recommendations

6 regarding the demands for construction of facilities and infrastructure, including the following:

(i) The establishment of rules of

10 measurement for vessels and cargo and

11 rates of charges or tolls.

12 (ii) All other matters which the Board

13 of Directors determines to be relevant.

14 SEC. 4. FUNCTIONS OF THE U.S. ARCTIC SEAWAY INFRA15

STRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

(c) ESTABLISHMENT OF PLACES OF REFUGE AND

15 IMPROVEMENT OF NAVIGATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—

16 The Corporation shall make necessary arrangements to

17 determine the location and, where necessary, construction

18 of places of refuge and points of navigational aid within

19 United States territorial waters due to the Arctic’s harsh

20 and unpredictable climate. Charts of locations of places

21 of refuge shall be made readily available to all vessels

22 voyaging north of the Bering Strait in the interest of en23

suring vessel safety.

SEC. 5. GENERAL POWERS OF THE CORPORATION.

2 For the purpose of carrying out its functions under

3 this Act, the Corporation—

(10) may retain toll revenues for purpose of

12 eventual reinvestment in Corporation or publicly

13 owned seaway infrastructure and preservation of the

14 surrounding ecosystem;