

HOUSE BILL NO. 357

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK

Introduced: 2/20/24

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to designation of state water as outstanding national resource water;**
2 **designating the Kuskokwim River as outstanding national resource water; and**
3 **providing for an effective date."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 46.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Sec. 46.03.085. Outstanding national resource water.** (a) Water of the state
7 may be designated as outstanding national resource water, as described in federal
8 regulation, by statute.

9 (b) The legislature designates, and the department shall maintain and protect,
10 the Kuskokwim River as an outstanding national resource water of exceptional
11 ecological significance.

12 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).