

FAA bush rules opposed

Washington - Congressman Don Young has attacked a proposed Federal Aviation Administration regulation that would require small air carriers to institute anti-hijacking procedures.

"The proposed rule fails to take Alaska into account," said Congressman Young. "It essentially requires that every airstrip in the state put in the same security measures that you find in Seattle or Chicago. This is a wonderful goal but the time and expense involved would cripple our aviation services without increasing security. I'll do everything I can to see that these suggestions do not go into effect."

Young has written a letter to FAA chief Langhorne Bond, in which he explains the problems that would accompany the implementation of the proposals in Alaska.

The Congressman pointed to one provision that would require that all air carriers, including air taxis, insure that no firearms will be transported in passenger compartments.

"With the growth of small carriers in the Lower 48, these regulations make sense there but aren't realistic in Alaska," Young stated. "I'm confident that Mr. Bond will see things our way one there is a careful look at the situation."