HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES PHILLIPS, Smalley, Kohring, Kott, Austerman, Cowdery, Harris, Porter, Masek, Bunde, Halcro, Green, Murkowski, Cissna, Hudson

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Referred: Transportation

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Alaska Railroad Corporation to select an Alaska company for the
design and construction of three rail barges and the charter and operation of
tugboats for service between Seattle and Alaska as indicated in the Request for

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad Corporation has issued a Request for Proposal (99-13-
18685) for the design and construction of three rail barges and the charter and operation of
tugboats for service between Seattle and Alaska; and

WHEREAS there are Alaska companies that have the ability to meet the requirements
of the Request for Proposal; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad Corporation is a public corporation owned by the
State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad Corporation is known as a good corporate citizen that
is responsible to the state; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad is a necessary component of transportation for the
state; and
WHEREAS the people and contractors in the state should be given preferential treatment by this publicly-owned Alaska corporation; and

WHEREAS the state demonstrated its confidence that the Alaska Railroad Corporation would select Alaska bidders whenever possible by exempting the Alaska Railroad Corporation from most requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act and the State Procurement Code;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Alaska Railroad Corporation to select an Alaska bidder for the design and construction of three rail barges and the charter and operation of tugboats for service between Seattle and Alaska as indicated in the Request for Proposal 99-13-18685; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska bidder's preference be given only to a truly Alaska corporation that has a demonstrated history of doing business in Alaska.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Sheffield, President, Alaska Railroad Corporation; to the Honorable Joe Perkins, commissioner of transportation and public facilities; to the Honorable Deborah B. Sedwick, commissioner of commerce and economic development; to Jacob Adams, Edward L. Bauer, Jr., John Binkley, Jack Burton, and Dale R. Lindsey, members, Board of Directors, Alaska Railroad Corporation.