

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 65

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Introduced: 4/2/96

Referred: Transportation

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to proposed Federal Aviation Administration regulations establishing crew
2 member flight time limitations.

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

4 WHEREAS the Federal Aviation Administration is proposing to adopt regulations
5 establishing limitations on crew member flight time that will have a negative effect on aviation
6 safety and Alaska businesses; and

7 WHEREAS air taxi operations provide a valuable and necessary service to Alaskans,
8 often being the sole means of delivering goods and services to rural communities; and

9 WHEREAS Alaska is unique in its geography, weather conditions, short summers, and
10 long daylight hours and thus regulations and standards designed for the "Lower 48" states
11 must be applied flexibly in Alaska; and

12 WHEREAS the Alaska tourism industry creates seasonal employment opportunities
13 that have allowed air taxi operators the opportunity to train experienced, dedicated, and
14 professional pilots; and

15 WHEREAS, under current regulations, air taxi operators have established businesses
16 that allow professional crew members to earn a viable income in a safe manner; and

1 **WHEREAS** Alaska's air taxi operators have provided a safe environment for their
2 crew members and the public; and

3 **WHEREAS** the proposed regulations will reduce the availability of experienced pilots
4 on air taxi flights within Alaska and compel air service operations to utilize less experienced
5 pilots which would affect aircraft maintenance rates, insurance rates, air fares, and accident
6 rates; and

7 **WHEREAS** it is not in the public interest to disrupt the necessary and valuable service
8 provided by air service operations in Alaska through the implementation of overly restrictive
9 regulation; and

10 **WHEREAS** the National Air Transportation Association and the Alaska Air Carriers
11 Association oppose the proposed regulations;

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Federal
13 Aviation Administration to exempt Alaska from the application of the proposed regulations
14 establishing crew member flight time limitations (14 C.F.R. Part 135.269 and 135.271).

15 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
16 United States; the Honorable Federico F. Pena, Secretary of the U.S. Department of
17 Transportation; the Honorable David R. Hinson, Administrator, U.S. Department of
18 Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
19 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
20 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.