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To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
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Dear Finance Committee,

I oppose the AHMS funding cuts proposed in the budget. I understand that the Southeast ferry system needs to run efficiently, but it is a transportation system that needs to be reliable and usable by its customer base. The schedule has already been printed, people (including me) have booked travel plans, and our tourist season is approaching. The legislature's plan that the ferry reduce service upon such short notice will cause discontent within the communities. People make vacation plans, business plans, medical plans, etc. based on the ferry schedule. Altering and reducing the schedule 3 months prior is a poor choice in management of a major transportation state transportation system.

Personally, I have a job in the Yukon that I will need to get to/from via the Juneau-Skagway route this summer. Already I have booked ferry tickets, but now have no confidence as to whether my plans are going to be dependable.

The legislature needs to be a bit more responsive than reactive to managing the marine highway system.

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