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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Directing the Department of Highways to conduct a feasibility study on the opening of Whittier Tunnel.

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

WHEREAS the opening and paving of Whittier Tunnel will permit access to the entire Prince William Sound area; and

WHEREAS one of the world's most scenic areas would then be made easily available to tourists and residents alike; and

WHEREAS this vehicular route would tie in directly with the Valdez ferry terminal; and

WHEREAS the tunnel seems perfectly suitable for one-way traffic similar to that presently being used on the bridge out of Prince Rupert on Highway 16; and

WHEREAS this route would open markets for fresh fish products of the Prince William Sound to the areas of Alaska's largest population; and

WHEREAS the management of the Alaska Railroad appears to take a favorable position on this proposal; and

WHEREAS the project could be put on a small toll basis to help cover maintenance costs;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature directs the Department of Highways to conduct a feasibility study of this proposed opening of Whittier Tunnel for automobile traffic and related access road construction, and report back its findings to the Sixth Legislature - First Session.