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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

Relating to the Lake Minchumina Airport.

BE IT RESOLVED

BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the Federal Aviation Administration has ceased to maintain the runway at Lake Minchumina, Alaska; and

WHEREAS the community is entirely dependent on air transportation for mail, supplies and all the necessities of life; and

WHEREAS planes are unable to land at Lake Minchumina because of the lack of maintenance of the runway, and the airline which serves the community has informed the residents that service must be suspended unless the airport is properly maintained; and

WHEREAS if air operations do not continue to include Lake Minchumina, the community, in a few weeks time, will be completely devoid of all electric power and telephone service, which would effectively abolish the community; and

WHEREAS the Federal Aviation Administration has offered to transfer the airport and its equipment to the state; and

WHEREAS the state has a tentative selection of three townships on the lake, making it in the state's interest to have an airport maintained in this area;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Public Works within the limits of its appropriations to immediately take all necessary steps calculated to assume state ownership of the Lake Minchumina Airport at the earliest possible time, and thereafter to keep it properly maintained.