

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 49(TRA)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/29/96
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska creating a
2 transportation fund.

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

4 * Section 1. Article IX, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is repealed and readopted
5 to read:

6 SECTION 7. DEDICATED FUNDS. The proceeds of any State tax or license
7 shall not be dedicated to any special purpose. This provision shall not prohibit the
8 continuance of any dedication for special purposes existing on April 24, 1956, and shall
9 not prohibit the dedication of revenue under Section 15 or Section 18 of this article, or
10 when required by the federal government for State participation in federal programs.

11 * Sec. 2. Article IX, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new section
12 to read:

13 SECTION 18. TRANSPORTATION FUND. (a) The revenue received after
14 June 30, 1997, from State taxes on fuel used for the propulsion of motor vehicles and
15 watercraft, less refunds, credits, and the costs of collection of those taxes as provided by
16 law, shall be placed in a transportation fund. Except as provided in (d) of this section,

1 the legislature may appropriate money from the transportation fund only for

2 (1) the maintenance costs of roads and highways by the State or local
3 governments if the money was derived from taxes on fuel used for the propulsion of
4 motor vehicles or from the income earned from managing and investing the money
5 derived from or attributable to the taxes on fuel used for the propulsion of motor
6 vehicles; and

7 (2) the construction and improvement of harbor facilities if the money
8 was derived from taxes on fuel used for the propulsion of watercraft or from the income
9 earned from managing and investing the money derived from or attributable to the taxes
10 on fuel used for the propulsion of watercraft.

11 (b) This section does not apply to revenue received from taxes that the State
12 collects on behalf of a local government.

13 (c) The legislature shall provide by law for the management and investment of
14 the transportation fund balance. The income earned from the management and
15 investment of the fund shall be deposited into the fund.

16 (d) An appropriation from the transportation fund for a public purpose other than
17 one described in (a) of this section may be made upon an affirmative vote of three-fifths
18 of the members of each house of the legislature.

19 * **Sec. 3.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of
20 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State
21 of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.