

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Introduced: 4/27/98**

**Referred: Finance**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Urging the executive branch of state government to negotiate collective bargaining**  
**2 agreements with bargaining organizations representing employees of the Alaska**  
**3 marine highway system that result in a net zero cost increase.**

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

**5       WHEREAS** the legislature has declared that it is the public policy of the state to  
**6 promote harmonious and cooperative relations between government and its employees; and**

**7       WHEREAS** it is the responsibility of the state executive branch to negotiate and enter  
**8 into collective bargaining agreements with the representatives of its employees; and**

**9       WHEREAS** the legislature realizes that recurring revenues fall dramatically short of  
**10 recurring expenditures in the long term; and**

**11       WHEREAS** the legislature is completing the third year of a five-year financial plan  
**12 in an effort to close the fiscal gap between revenues and expenditures; and**

**13       WHEREAS** the legislature finds it is irresponsible to increase the cost of personal  
**14 services in a time of deficit spending; and**

**15       WHEREAS** the collective bargaining agreements for each of the marine highway  
**16 system bargaining units will expire in April 1999, and the administration will, therefore, be**

1 entering into contract negotiations with the representatives of those bargaining units in the near  
2 future; and

3 **WHEREAS** the legislature desires to integrate into the current marine highway system  
4 vessel operations a series of day boats or feeder vessels, which will require that the collective  
5 bargaining agreements with the unions representing marine highway system employees address  
6 different working hours, terms, and conditions of employment than the hours, terms, and  
7 conditions addressed in the current union contracts;

8 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the administration to  
9 negotiate terms for staffing on feeder vessel operations and day boats that reflect the lowest  
10 level of staffing possible; and be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the executive branch  
12 to negotiate future collective bargaining agreements that result in a net zero cost increase  
13 through reducing salaries, reducing benefits to pay increased salaries, implementing a two-tier  
14 salary structure, restructuring publicly funded health plans, or other methods; and be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature will disapprove the  
16 monetary terms of any collective bargaining agreement that results in an increased cost of  
17 personal services.