

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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Referred: Transportation, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to use of passenger facility charges at the Anchorage International**
2 **Airport.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the Anchorage International Airport is economically important for Alaska,
5 providing 12,000 jobs and \$400,000,000 of payroll; and

6 **WHEREAS** the Anchorage International Airport is the air traffic center for Alaska,
7 serving the needs of all Alaskans and serving as the gateway for hundreds of thousands of
8 visitors each year; and

9 **WHEREAS** the Anchorage International Airport is a vital air transportation link
10 between North America, Europe, and the Pacific Rim with over 20,000 international cargo
11 landings a year; and

12 **WHEREAS** the Congress passed the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of
13 1990 authorizing the use of a Passenger Facility Charge that has since been implemented by
14 more than 300 airports nationwide; and

15 **WHEREAS** Passenger Facility Charges are an important source of capital funds
16 needed to repair, upgrade, and improve airport facilities; and

1 **WHEREAS** it is the legislature's intent that Passenger Facility Charges be used to
2 repay the bonded indebtedness of the Anchorage International Airport; and

3 **WHEREAS** a substantial amount of the Passenger Facility Charges now paid by many
4 Alaska travelers to airports in other states could be retained for use in Alaska if there were
5 a Passenger Facility Charge at the Anchorage International Airport;

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
7 Governor to direct the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to apply to the
8 Federal Aviation Administration for the authority to implement a Passenger Facility Charge
9 program at the Anchorage International Airport.