

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/26/99

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION

**1 Relating to use of passenger facility charges at the Anchorage International
2 Airport on aircraft with a seating capacity of 60 or more passengers.**

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 on aircraft with a seating capacity of 60 or
10 more passengers.