

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Transportation

A RESOLUTION

**1 Urging the Alaska Railroad Corporation to select an Alaska company for the
2 design and construction of three rail barges and the charter and operation of
3 tugboats for service between Seattle and Alaska as indicated in the Request for
4 Proposal 99-13-18685.**

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

6 WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad Corporation has issued a Request for Proposal (99-13-
7 18685) for the design and construction of three rail barges and the charter and operation of
8 tugboats for service between Seattle and Alaska; and

9 WHEREAS there are Alaska companies that have the ability to meet the requirements
10 of the Request for Proposal; and

11 WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad Corporation is a public corporation owned by the
12 State of Alaska; and

13 WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad Corporation is known as a good corporate citizen that
14 is responsible to the state; and

15 WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad is a necessary component of transportation for the
16 state; and

1 **WHEREAS** the people and contractors in the state should be given preferential
2 treatment by this publicly-owned Alaska corporation; and

3 **WHEREAS** the state demonstrated its confidence that the Alaska Railroad Corporation
4 would select Alaska bidders whenever possible by exempting the Alaska Railroad Corporation
5 from most requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act and the State Procurement Code;

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Alaska Railroad
7 Corporation to select an Alaska bidder for the design and construction of three rail barges and
8 the charter and operation of tugboats for service between Seattle and Alaska as indicated in
9 the Request for Proposal 99-13-18685; and be it

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska bidder's preference be given only to a truly
11 Alaska corporation that has a demonstrated history of doing business in Alaska.

12 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Sheffield, President,
13 Alaska Railroad Corporation; to the Honorable Joe Perkins, commissioner of transportation
14 and public facilities; to the Honorable Deborah B. Sedwick, commissioner of commerce and
15 economic development; to Jacob Adams, Edward L. Bauer, Jr., John Binkley, Jack Burton,
16 and Dale R. Lindsey, members, Board of Directors, Alaska Railroad Corporation.