

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 80(TRA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/27/07

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES SALMON AND CISSNA

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act directing preparation of a feasibility study report relating to expanding the**
2 **Alaska marine highway system to Yukon and Kuskokwim River locations."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 FEASIBILITY STUDY. (a) The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
7 shall prepare a study on the feasibility of expanding the Alaska marine highway system to
8 Yukon and Kuskokwim River locations.

9 (b) In conducting the study required by (a) of this section, the department shall
10 consider, but is not limited to, studying the feasibility of using the latest vessel technology,
11 including the M/V Susitna, a multipurpose vessel that is designed to be capable of efficient
12 performance at high speed, in ice, and in shallow water, and that will be used by the
13 Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

14 (c) Unless the department includes the study required by this section in a

1 comprehensive long-range plan for the development and improvement of the Alaska marine
2 highway system under AS 19.65.011 that is delivered to the legislature during 2008, the
3 department shall prepare the feasibility study required by this section and deliver it to the
4 legislature not later than August 31, 2008.