

AMENDMENT #5

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BY REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPHSON

TO: HJR 19

1 Page 1, line 4: (title amendment)

2 Delete "and"

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4 Page 1, line 5, following "infrastructure":

5 Insert "; and encouraging efforts to build high-speed light rail between the
6 Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Municipality of Anchorage"

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8 Page 3, following line 1:

9 Insert new material to read:

10 "WHEREAS, with a 47 percent increase in population between 2000 and 2022, the
11 Matanuska-Susitna Borough is the fastest growing area in the state and is projected to
12 increase another 200 percent in the next 60 to 100 years; and

13 WHEREAS approximately 30 percent of residents of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough
14 commute to Anchorage for work, a commute of about 40 miles and 40 minutes each way,
15 which is approximately 48 percent longer than the national commuter average; and"

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17 Page 3, line 19, following "state":

18 Insert "; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the Alaska
20 Railroad and urges the Alaska delegation in Congress to pursue efforts to build a high-speed
21 light rail line between the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Municipality of Anchorage"