

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a highway-ferry
6 link between Seldovia and Homer

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

8 WHEREAS, Seldovia, one of the oldest fishing towns in Alaska,
9 is rapidly developing as an important residential and commercial
10 center, as is evidenced by the urban renewal project presently
11 being undertaken in the town and the increasing use of its fine
12 natural harbor by fishing fleets; and

13 WHEREAS, the Seldovia area also has unlimited potential as
14 a tourist center because of its many unsurpassed recreational
15 areas such as Red Mountain, Sadie Cove and Tutka Cove; and

16 WHEREAS, in order that sustained development of the Seldovia
17 area not be hindered, it is urgent that the area be made more
18 easily accessible to the public; and

19 WHEREAS, there is now a rudimentary road from Seldovia to
20 MacDonald Spit which could be developed into a highway suitable
21 for vehicle travel at low cost; and

22 WHEREAS, Seldovia could be linked, via the road to MacDonald
23 Spit, with the mainland highway system at Homer, which is the
24 formal end of the continental road system in the United States,
25 if shuttle ferry service were provided between MacDonald Spit
26 and Homer Spit, a distance of approximately eight miles;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully urged to
28 direct the Department of Economic Development and Planning to
29 undertake appropriate studies on the economic benefit which would

1 accrue as a result of the establishment of a combined highway-
2 ferry link between Seldovia and Homer, to direct the Department
3 of Highways to initiate feasibility studies on improving the
4 existing road from Seldovia to MacDonald Spit, and to direct the
5 Department of Public Works to investigate the feasibility of
6 instituting state-owned ferry service between the MacDonald and
7 Homer Spits.

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