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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting a feasibility study looking
6 toward resolution of the sea transport
7 problem in the Alaska Peninsula, Ber-
8 ing Sea and Arctic Ocean areas of
9 Alaska.

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

11 WHEREAS the communities along the Alaska Peninsula, Bering Sea and
12 Arctic Ocean coasts are dependent on one commercial and one government-
13 owned surface carrier for the importation of their basic needs; and

14 WHEREAS water transportation to this area by commercial carriers is of
15 a marginal nature; and

16 WHEREAS the services of the commercial carriers are duplicated to a
17 great extent by the transport services of the Bureau of Indian Affairs ves-
18 sel "North Star"; and

19 WHEREAS this duplicating of service in a marginal market area is an
20 uneconomical and inefficient operation which is detrimental to private
21 business, the government and the communities served;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully urged to appoint a
23 special study commission consisting of the Secretary of State, the Commis-
24 sioner of Economic Development, the Commissioner of Commerce and the Trans-
25 portation Commission to examine the problem, consult with appropriate federal
26 and commercial carrier officials involved in the Alaska Peninsula and Bering
27 Sea trade, and recommend to all parties concerned and the Legislature within
28 one year a course of action, including consideration of a possible subsidy
29 and possible merger.

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