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Referred: Commerce

1 IN THE SENATE

BY BLODGETT

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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