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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the construction of
6 foot and bicycle trails and paths
7 by the Department of Highways.

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

9 WHEREAS the pressures of increased population and industrialization have
10 had the effect every year of creating heavier, faster and more frequent
11 traffic on Alaska's existing highways; and

12 WHEREAS many of Alaska's new, modern expressways and high speed thorough-
13 fares must necessarily be constructed to accommodate motorized traffic only;
14 and

15 WHEREAS the increased traffic and restricted usage make it increasingly
16 difficult, and sometimes impossible, for pedestrians and cyclists to get
17 from one point to another; and

18 WHEREAS the benefits of walking and bicycling as a means of transporta-
19 tion are particularly desirable in an "outdoors state" such as Alaska;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
21 the Commissioner of Highways to initiate a comprehensive statewide plan of
22 bicycle and foot-traffic trails and paths in appropriate communities through-
23 out Alaska with special emphasis being devoted to urban and urbanizing
24 communities where highway construction and traffic already restrict pedestrian
25 and bicycle traffic or where motorized traffic is expected to do so in the
26 immediate future; and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner be directed to solicit the
28 suggestions for these trails and paths from local and statewide organizations
29 and from individuals.