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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the utilization of the
6 ferry vessel M/V Wickersham as a
7 floating university.

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

9 WHEREAS without an exemption from the Jones Act, the ferry vessel M/V
10 Wickersham is not capable of being fully utilized as a carrier of passengers
11 and cars in the Marine Highway System; and

12 WHEREAS, although the state has recently accepted bids for construction
13 of a new ferry vessel to replace the M/V Wickersham, it may prove to be
14 impossible or economically unfeasible to dispose of the Wickersham by sale
15 to another country; and

16 WHEREAS the Wickersham, with full ocean-going capabilities might
17 possibly be utilized by the state in a more profitable manner than as a
18 member of the Marine Highway System fleet;

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Legislative Council
20 is requested to conduct a study of the feasibility of the State of Alaska
21 utilizing the M/V Wickersham as a floating university which would have as
22 its purpose the offering of quality education in the marine sciences field;
23 and be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include consideration of the legal
25 aspects of so utilizing the Wickersham and that the cost factors accomplish-
26 ing the necessary conversion work be specifically considered if the idea
27 seems otherwise feasible; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council present its report and
29 recommendations to the First Session of the Eighth Legislature.