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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the construction of foot  
6 and bicycle trails and paths.

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

8 WHEREAS the pressures of increased population and economic development  
9 have had the effect every year of increasing traffic on Alaska's existing  
10 highways; and

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

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

17 WHEREAS an integrated system of foot and bicycle trails and paths  
18 is necessary in order to enable pedestrians and cyclists to move easily and  
19 safely in and around urban communities; and

20 WHEREAS, in order to establish an integrated system of foot and bicycle  
21 trails and paths, there must be a coordinated effort made by the Departments  
22 of Highways, Natural Resources and Public Works;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct  
24 the Commissioner of Highways, the Commissioner of Natural Resources, the  
25 Commissioner of Public Works and the Commissioner of Environmental Conserva-  
26 tion to coordinate and initiate a comprehensive integrated statewide plan  
27 of bicycle and foot-traffic trails and paths in appropriate communities  
28 throughout Alaska with special emphasis being devoted to urban and urbanizing  
29 communities where highway construction and traffic already restrict pedestrian

1 and bicycle traffic or where motorized traffic is expected to do so in the  
2 immediate future; and be it

3       FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioners be directed to solicit the  
4 suggestions for these trails and paths from local and statewide organizations  
5 and from individuals.

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