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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 555

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the issuance of general obliga-  
7 tion bonds in the amount of \$6,000,000 for the purpose  
8 of making capital improvements to the state ferry  
9 system; and providing for an effective date."

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

11 \* Section 1. For the purpose of paying the cost of making capital improve-  
12 ments to the state ferry system, general obligation bonds of the state in the  
13 principal amount of not more than \$6,000,000 shall be issued and sold. The  
14 full faith, credit and resources of the state are pledged to the payment of  
15 the principal of and interest and redemption premium, if any, on these bonds.  
16 These bonds shall be issued under the provision of AS 37.15 as those provisions  
17 read at the time of issuance.

18 \* Sec. 2. If the issuance of these bonds is authorized by the qualified  
19 voters of the state, a special fund of the state to be known as the "1974  
20 Ferry Construction Fund" shall be established, to which shall be credited the  
21 proceeds of the sale of the bonds described in sec. 1 of this Act except for  
22 the accrued interest and premiums. There is appropriated from the "1974  
23 Ferry Construction Fund" to the Department of Public Works, division of  
24 marine transportation, the amount of \$6,000,000. The proceeds of these bonds  
25 shall be limited to the following projects and estimates:

26 (1) \$4,400,000 - lengthening the M/V BARTLETT from 191 feet to  
27 235 feet.

28 (2) \$ 600,000 - equipping the M/V COLUMBIA to enable certification  
29 as an ocean going vessel, as follows:

1 (A) \$ 350,000 - stabilizers

2 (B) \$ 100,000 - lifeboats

3 (C) \$ 150,000 - hospital, radio room and equipment for both  
4 facilities.

5 (3) \$1,000,000 - Docking and terminal facilities at Seward, to  
6 accommodate a ferry vessel or vessels to be used in a cross-Gulf of Alaska  
7 intertie route between the Southcentral and Southeast ferry routes.

8 \* Sec. 3. If the issuance of these bonds is authorized by the qualified  
9 voters of the state, the amount of \$21,000 or as much of that amount as is  
10 found necessary is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the  
11 state bond committee to carry out the provisions of this Act and to pay  
12 expenses incident to the sale and issuance of the bonds authorized in this  
13 Act. The amounts expended from the appropriation authorized by this section  
14 shall be reimbursed to the general fund from the proceeds of the sale of the  
15 bonds authorized by this Act.

16 \* Sec. 4. The question whether the bonds authorized in this Act are to be  
17 issued shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state at the next  
18 state general election and shall read substantially as follows:

19 Proposition

20 State General Obligation 1974 Ferry

21 Construction Bonds \$6,000,000

22 Shall the State of Alaska issue its general obligation bonds in  
23 the principal amount of not more than \$6,000,000 for the purpose  
24 of paying the cost of making capital improvements to the state  
25 ferry system?

26 Bonds Yes [ ]

27 Bonds No [ ]

28 \* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval  
29 or on the day it becomes law without approval.