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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Concerning highway safety and certain
6 pedestrian uses of state highways.

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

8 WHEREAS pedestrians seeking rides are being permitted to loiter on
9 highway rights-of-way placing themselves and motor vehicle traffic in
10 dangerous situations; and

11 WHEREAS many of our highways do not have shoulders where a stopping
12 motor vehicle can safely pull off the road in order to give a pedestrian a
13 ride; and

14 WHEREAS some pedestrians are even sleeping on highway rights-of-way,
15 thus creating a truly dangerous situation to both themselves and others;
16 and

17 WHEREAS pedestrian traffic is becoming increasingly heavy in some
18 portions of the state where motor vehicle traffic is also very high, thus
19 multiplying the danger to both the pedestrian and driver alike; and

20 WHEREAS the Department of Public Safety has been statutorily given
21 authority to regulate pedestrian traffic on highway rights-of-way;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
23 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Public Safety to minimize
24 the dangers outlined above which are presented by pedestrian traffic on
25 state highway rights-of-way by promulgating regulations that may be appro-
26 priate to strictly enforce all existing regulations pertaining to hitchhiking.
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