

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the proposed highway  
6 through the Iliamna Lake Watershed.

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

8 WHEREAS the State Department of Highways has for some time planned to  
9 construct a highway through the Iliamna Lake Watershed; and

10 WHEREAS the Bristol Bay Borough, the Bristol Bay Development Corporation,  
11 the Bristol Bay Chamber of Commerce, the villages of Nondalton, Newhalen,  
12 Kokhanok, Pedro Bay, Igiugig, Iliamna, the Kenai Borough and the Kenai  
13 Chamber of Commerce, among many other persons and organizations, have  
14 expressed their total opposition to the proposed highway because of the  
15 vulnerability of salmon spawning streams and what would be the highway's  
16 adverse impact upon the areas rapidly dwindling subsistence and sports  
17 resources; and

18 WHEREAS despite the almost unanimous opposition by these Alaskans who  
19 would be most affected by construction of the proposed highway, the Depart-  
20 ment of Highways appears insistent upon pursuing this project; and

21 WHEREAS alternative routes exist that are much shorter and would be  
22 far less costly to construct and maintain, and would provide access  
23 to ice-free ports to serve the large area of mineral rich lands both  
24 onshore and offshore; and

25 WHEREAS the department is reportedly using money allocated for local  
26 service roads to fund the engineering and planning studies for the proposed  
27 highway through the Iliamna Watershed;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is  
29 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Highways to immediately

1 abandon all plans for constructing other than local service roads in or  
2 through the Iliamna Watershed.

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