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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing a study of the feasibility of

6 a marine maintenance facility in Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS the State of Alaska plans to spend approximately \$1,000,000 in
9 Seattle shipyards in fiscal year 1976 to overhaul and maintain the vessels
10 that comprise the fleet of the Alaska Marine Highway; and

11 WHEREAS, in addition to the substantial outflow of Alaska tax dollars to
12 the State of Washington, generally, and to Puget Sound in particular, repre-
13 sented by this sum, the Alaska state ferries must travel many miles to secure
14 all but the most minor, routine maintenance work done; and

15 WHEREAS, when there is an emergency requiring immediate access to dry
16 dock facilities, as the state ferry system has experienced on several oc-
17 casions in recent months, the inability to utilize a marine maintenance
18 facility in Alaska requires that a ship face a long, arduous journey south
19 to Seattle, with all the attendant uncertainties the ship must face mechani-
20 cally not to mention the potential jeopardy to the safety of the ship and
21 crew; and

22 WHEREAS, during the annual overhaul period, averaging two months for
23 each vessel each Winter -- too long a period in the judgment of some respon-
24 sible observers, the ships' crews must live away from their Alaska homes, and
25 the cost of transporting them between Alaska and Puget Sound is great; and

26 WHEREAS the performance of annual maintenance or overhaul in an Alaska
27 facility would contribute income to the state's frequently sluggish winter
28 economy;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Legislative

1 Budget and Audit Committee is respectfully requested to appoint a subcommittee
2 of two members of the Senate and two members of the House of Representatives
3 to conduct or supervise the conduct of, a comprehensive study of the feasi-
4 bility of a marine maintenance facility within Alaska; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee is
6 authorized to contract with a recognized consultant, or consultants, in the
7 field of marine survey, engineering or architecture to assist the legislature
8 in conducting the feasibility study; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that this subcommittee of the Legislative Budget and
10 Audit Committee present its findings and recommendations to the Ninth Alaska
11 Legislature, not later than 30 days after the Second Session convenes.

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