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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the undertaking of a ferry
6 transportation demonstration project in
7 the interior and western coastal regions
8 of Alaska.

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

10 WHEREAS the cost of delivering vehicles and freight, as well as pas-
11 senger travel, whether by air or surface transportation, in the interior and
12 western coastal regions of Alaska is rapidly becoming prohibitive; and

13 WHEREAS considerable strides have been made in the development of lower
14 cost, higher capacity air cushion transportation vehicles that may be suit-
15 able for the vast tundra, interior riverways, arctic and western coastal
16 regions and other ecologically sensitive areas of the state where traditional
17 transportation modes may be difficult and costly to employ due to weather
18 conditions, geographical considerations or potential environmental damage;
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20 WHEREAS, in 1974, the legislature included in the fiscal year 1975
21 capital projects budget the sum of \$300,000 for the Department of Public
22 Works, Division of Marine Transportation, as matching funds for the develop-
23 ment of the first stage of a state ferry service on the lower or upper Yukon
24 River;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
26 respectfully advised that the Division of Marine Transportation, Department
27 of Public Works, may employ a portion of the appropriation for fiscal year
28 1975 (ch. 147, sec. 18, SLA 1974) for Yukon Ferry Matching Funds for the
29 undertaking of a ferry transportation demonstration project using an air

1 cushion vehicle or vehicles in interior, arctic and western coastal regions of
2 Alaska if it considers such a project feasible; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Division of Marine Transporta-
4 tion is requested to report the division's findings and recommendations to
5 the Ninth Legislature, Second Session.
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