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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a feasibility study of runway  
6 construction in rural Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS the communities of rural Alaska are not served by the state  
9 highway system, but are solely or primarily dependent upon air freight ser-  
10 vice for transportation of essential commodities; and

11 WHEREAS existing airport and runway facilities are inadequate to support  
12 aircraft of sufficient size to provide low-cost air freight service; and

13 WHEREAS the state subsidizes highway construction in central Alaska and  
14 the ferry service of the Marine Highway System in southeastern and south-  
15 central Alaska; and

16 WHEREAS it is in the public interest of the state to provide low-cost  
17 transportation to rural Alaska to stimulate development of viable local  
18 economies;

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is  
20 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Public Works to undertake  
21 a study of the feasibility and cost of construction of 10,000 foot runways at  
22 Dillingham, Nome, Kotzebue, Barrow, Bethel, Fort Yukon, Galena, and other  
23 significant rural Alaska communities; and to deliver the study and its  
24 recommendations to the Second Session - Ninth Legislature.