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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49 am H

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, Gulkana,
23 Tetlin, and other significant rural Alaska communities; and to deliver the
24 study and its recommendations to the Second Session - Ninth Legislature.