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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 82

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the undertaking of a statewide
6 multi-modal transportation study.

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

8 WHEREAS the Alaska Legislature is considering the establishment of a
9 Department of Transportation which will effect a major reorganization of the
10 planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance functions involved
11 in the various transportation services provided by the state; and

12 WHEREAS an integral part of every version of this legislation is that
13 the new department develop a state transportation plan; and

14 WHEREAS, because distances in the state are great, population densities
15 vary substantially, and capital requirements for investment in transportation
16 facilities and services constantly exceed the financial resources available,
17 transportation policy decisions should be made from the standpoint not only
18 of service needs but also economic and financial feasibility; and

19 WHEREAS an objective, comprehensive transportation study is an essential
20 prelude to the development of a transportation plan; it should include a re-
21 view of present transportation planning, policies, organization, administra-
22 tion, and financing, both for capital investment, operation and maintenance,
23 as well as the available sources of funding to ensure the timely delivery of
24 these essential services; and

25 WHEREAS a meaningful analysis of the immediate and long-range transporta-
26 tion needs of the state to at least the year 2000 should include an assessment
27 of the services performed in the movement of goods and people, both by the
28 public and private sectors, using all principal modes of transport: roads and
29 highways, water, air, pipeline and rail; and

1 WHEREAS the study also should project the transportation demands that
2 will be made on the state and analyze and recommend what proportion of state
3 expenditures should be allocated for transportation services properly balanced
4 with spending for other essential public services; this analysis also should
5 include a determination of the revenues necessary for the support of an ade-
6 quate program of investment in and maintenance of transportation services;
7 and

8 WHEREAS the study produced should be useful in future updating of the
9 study to permit the evaluation of proposed governmental policies as more data
10 becomes available;

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Legislative
12 Council is requested to undertake a statewide multi-modal transportation
13 study that will produce recommendations aiding in the optimum development and
14 utilization of a total transport system for the state as the basis for the
15 creation of a state transportation plan, including the methods of financing
16 the development of transportation facilities and services; and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council is authorized to contract
18 with a nationally recognized transportation consulting firm to conduct the
19 study on behalf of the Legislature, in cooperation with the existing Depart-
20 ments of Highways and Public Works, the Alaska Transportation Commission, and
21 the appropriate departments and institutes of the University of Alaska; and
22 be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings and recommendations of this study be
24 presented to the Legislature not later than the convening of the Tenth Legis-
25 lature, Second Session.
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