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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 *SCS* HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22 *ams*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to travel on state ferries by  
6 official school activity groups.

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

8 WHEREAS during the course of the school year many school activities  
9 necessitate the transporting of school officials and students to other towns;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, because of rising costs and cutbacks in many school budgets, it  
12 is extremely difficult for a school to afford to engage in worthwhile extra-  
13 curricular activities; and

14 WHEREAS, if the people of Alaska could lessen the financial burden for  
15 schools engaged in official and sanctioned activities, they would provide a  
16 noble and worthwhile service; and

17 WHEREAS those students who are able to engage in extracurricular activi-  
18 ties and who are able to visit other Alaskan communities receive educational  
19 benefits of value just as great as those emanating from traditional academic  
20 pursuits; and

21 WHEREAS it is not unusual for other states and local political entities  
22 to grant certain special benefits and gratuities to selected classes of  
23 people; and

24 WHEREAS, during the off-season fall, winter and spring months, the state  
25 ferries frequently operate at less than full capacity; therefore, if official  
26 school groups were permitted to travel without cost, the foot-passenger  
27 traffic would swell as well as revenue at no significant increase in cost  
28 because the vessels of the Alaska Marine Highway operate at a relatively high  
29 fixed cost whether "on line" or not;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is  
2 respectfully requested to direct the Division of Marine Transportation to  
3 initiate a program whereby official school activity groups may travel on  
4 state ferries for no fare, provided that travel shall be on a space-available  
5 basis only and between two Alaskan points of embarkation from the month of  
6 November through the following month of April.

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