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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the Federal Aviation Admini-  
6 stration to examine and report on the need  
7 to assign a third crew member to certain  
8 two-engine jet aircraft.

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

10 WHEREAS Alaska's domestic transportation network relies heavily on air  
11 service; and

12 WHEREAS the chief carrier of passengers and freight between Alaska's  
13 metropolitan areas and its rural transportation centers uses two-engine  
14 Boeing 737 jet aircraft; and

15 WHEREAS there exists a labor dispute between that air carrier and cer-  
16 tain of its employees in which a major point of disagreement is the need for  
17 a third member of the flight crew aboard the carrier's Boeing 737 jet air-  
18 craft; and

19 WHEREAS both parties to the labor dispute have made appeals for public  
20 support, citing facts and statistics to sustain or contravene the proposition  
21 that assignment of a third member to the flight crew should be required; and

22 WHEREAS, based on these public statements by the company and employees,  
23 while it appears that airline profitability is a significant factor in the  
24 provision of reliable intrastate air service at reasonable rates, the safety  
25 of passengers and crew aboard aircraft in use on Alaska routes is ever a  
26 paramount consideration; and

27 WHEREAS the public charges and rebuttals by the carrier and its striking  
28 employees have made it virtually impossible for the public to conclude  
29 whether the safety factor in Alaska air transportation requires a third

1 member of the flight deck aboard Boeing 737 jet aircraft; and

2 WHEREAS it appears that completion of an independent evaluation and sub-  
3 mission of a recommendation prepared by a "neutral" third party familiar with  
4 Alaska's intrastate air transportation conditions and requirements would  
5 materially assist the parties to the labor dispute and the general public,  
6 the users of the air transportation service, to ascertain whether assignment  
7 of a third member of the crew of Boeing 737 aircraft is necessary or de-  
8 sirable;

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Federal Aviation  
10 Administration, as the federal agency generally responsible for determination  
11 of air transportation safety requirements and aircraft certification require-  
12 ments, in cooperation with officials of the Alaska region of that administra-  
13 tion, expeditiously complete a report, providing data and recommendations  
14 bearing on resolution of the question of assignment of a third member of the  
15 crew of Boeing 737 jet aircraft flying routes within Alaska.

16 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Brock Adams,  
17 Secretary, U. S. Department of Transportation; the Honorable Langhorne Bond,  
18 Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; Mr. Lyle Brown, Director,  
19 Alaska Region, Federal Aviation Administration; and to the Honorable Ted  
20 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don  
21 Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.