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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to travel on state ferries by
6 recreational groups.

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

8 WHEREAS during the course of the winter many recreational groups engage
9 in intercommunity activities; and

10 WHEREAS because of small budgets and high costs many such groups find
11 the cost of transportation a heavy burden; and

12 WHEREAS a group rate on the state ferries would benefit the people of
13 the state who belong to such groups, the groups themselves, and the communi-
14 ties they visit; and

15 WHEREAS it is not unusual for other states and local political entities
16 to grant certain special benefits and gratuities to selected classes of
17 people; and

18 WHEREAS during the off-season fall, winter and spring months the state
19 ferries frequently operate at less than full capacity; therefore, if groups
20 were permitted to travel at a reduced cost, the foot-passenger traffic would
21 swell at no significant increase in cost to the state because the vessels of
22 the Alaska Marine Highway operate at a relatively high fixed cost whether "on
23 line" or not;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
25 respectfully requested to direct the Division of Marine Transportation to
26 initiate a program whereby recreational groups may travel on state ferries
27 for reduced fares, provided that travel shall be on a space-available basis
28 only, between two Alaskan points of embarkation, and between the month of
29 November and the month of April.