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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 716

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to citizen participation in state  
7 government."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 \* Section 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to encourage greater  
10 citizen participation in the legislative process. The subsidy created by  
11 this Act is in recognition of the difficulty and expense associated with  
12 travel to the capital city from communities of the state, and also in  
13 recognition of the fact that the legislature believes that it is essential  
14 for citizens to be able to meet personally with their elected officials  
15 during the decision-making process.

16 \* Sec. 2. AS 24 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

17 CHAPTER 52. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION.

18 Sec. 24.52.010. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE. Subject to appropriation for  
19 that purpose the commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Economic  
20 Development shall pay to any air carrier one-half the cost of a round-  
21 trip ticket to visit the capital city if

- 22 (1) the ticket is sold to a resident;
- 23 (2) the resident certifies to the air carrier that the  
24 purpose of the trip is to participate in the legislative process;
- 25 (3) at least one leg of the trip is scheduled during a  
26 regular or special session of the legislature;
- 27 (4) the point of origin for the trip is located in the state;
- 28 (5) the ticket is written for the lowest class fare for the  
29 most direct route.