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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a study of a rail line
6 from Fairbanks to the Ladue Valley.

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

8 WHEREAS it is essential that transportation links be developed if
9 Alaska, and especially interior Alaska, is ever to attain its full potential;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, traditionally, railroad systems have been in the forefront of
12 the development of new territories, no matter where they have existed in the
13 world; and

14 WHEREAS construction of a railroad line from Fairbanks to Ladue Valley,
15 through Big Delta, Tok, and 40 Mile, would open a vast new area to mineral
16 exploitation; and

17 WHEREAS construction of such a rail line would advance realization of
18 the ultimate goal of a rail linkup with the Canadian rail system; and

19 WHEREAS aerial surveys have been conducted of the proposed route, but
20 up-to-date estimates of the cost of construction of the line are needed;

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Legislative
22 Council study

23 (1) the cost to the state of constructing a rail line from
24 Fairbanks to Delta; and

25 (2) the cost to the state of constructing a rail line from Delta to
26 the Ladue Valley; and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council report the results of this
28 study to the First Session of the Twelfth Legislature within 10 days of the
29 date it convenes.