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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to cost benefit analyses of

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rail lines.

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

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WHEREAS it is essential that transportation links be developed if

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Alaska, and especially interior Alaska, is ever to attain its full potential;

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WHEREAS, traditionally, railroad systems have been in the forefront of

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the development of new territories, no matter where they have existed in the

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world; and

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WHEREAS construction of a railroad line from Fairbanks to Ladue Valley,

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through Big Delta, Tok, and 40 Mile, would open a vast new area to mineral

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exploitation; and

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WHEREAS construction of such a rail line would advance realization of

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the ultimate goal of a rail linkup with the Canadian rail system; and

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WHEREAS aerial surveys have been conducted of the proposed route, but

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up-to-date estimates of the cost of construction of the line are needed;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Legislative

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Council conduct

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(1) a cost benefit analysis of a proposal to construct a rail line

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from Fairbanks to the Canadian border; and

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(2) a cost benefit analysis of any other Alaska rail line construc-

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tion which may be proposed by the Legislative Council; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council report the results of the

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analyses to the First Session of the Twelfth Legislature within 10 days of

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the date it convenes.

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