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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to reduced rate travel for
6 older Alaskans aboard vessels of the
7 state marine highway system.

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

9 WHEREAS, since 1974, in response to House Concurrent Resolution No. 52,
10 the state marine highway system has provided for travel on ferries by persons
11 65 years of age and older on a space-available basis within Alaska without
12 charge during the months of November to April, inclusive; and

13 WHEREAS, last year, in response to Legislative Resolve No. 2, 1980, the
14 period of free passage for older Alaskans aboard state marine highway vessels
15 was extended to October 1 to May 15 inclusive; and

16 WHEREAS this service has been used by increasing numbers of older
17 Alaskans, permitting travel on the marine highway system at no cost while
18 increasing the number of foot passengers on vessels of the system; and

19 WHEREAS, the policy of free passage for older Alaskans allows only
20 passage without cost to a senior citizen who journeys as a foot passenger;
21 the policy is not extended to other services for senior citizens traveling
22 aboard vessels, and older Alaskans pay full costs of food, lodging, and
23 vehicle transportation; and

24 WHEREAS many senior citizens find it difficult to use vessels of the
25 marine highway system because of the relatively high costs of food, lodging,
26 and vehicle transportation services;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
28 the Governor to direct the division of marine highways to establish a fare
29 schedule for senior citizens that permits older Alaskans to purchase summer

1 passage, and year-round food, lodging, and vehicle transportation services
2 aboard vessels of the marine highway system at one-half the amount charged
3 other persons who use the system, without modification of the present policy
4 of providing free passage to older Alaskans during "off-season" months.
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