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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 (Transportation)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to free travel for senior  
6 citizens aboard vessels of the state  
7 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 persons allows only passage  
20 without cost during the "off-season", is not extended to other services for  
21 senior citizens traveling aboard vessels, and older persons pay full costs  
22 of lodging; and

23 WHEREAS many senior citizens find it difficult to use vessels of the  
24 marine highway system because of the unavailability and high cost of lodging;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
26 the Governor to direct the division of marine highways to extend free passage  
27 to senior citizens during every month of the year to permit them to travel  
28 between Alaskan ports on a space-available basis and to investigate the  
29 possibility of making lodging available to senior citizens at a reduced

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