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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

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 per-
11 sons 65 years of age and older on a space-available basis within Alaska
12 without 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 ves-
15 sels 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 pas-
20 sage without cost during the "off-season", is not extended to other services
21 for senior citizens traveling aboard vessels, and older persons pay full
22 costs 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
25 lodging;

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

1 the possibility of making staterooms aboard state ferries available at a
2 reduced rate to senior citizens when traveling between Alaskan ports.

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