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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
2 SENATE CS FOR 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 travel by senior citizens
6 aboard vessels of the state marine
7 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 commissioner of transportation and public facili-
27 ties to direct the division of marine highways to extend free passage on the
28 Aurora, Le Conte, Chilkat, Tustumena, and Bartlett, to senior citizens
29 during every month of the year to permit them to travel between Alaskan

1 ports on a space-available basis; and be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor direct the division of marine high-
3 ways to investigate the possibility of making staterooms aboard state
4 ferries available at a reduced rate to senior citizens when traveling
5 between Alaskan ports.

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