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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to free travel for severely
6 handicapped Alaskans on the state
7 marine highway system.

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

9 WHEREAS the recent years of inflation have damaged the financial status
10 of many severely handicapped Alaskans who rely on federal and state aid
11 programs; and

12 WHEREAS the continuing high rate of unemployment during recent years
13 has made it difficult for severely handicapped Alaskans to compete in the
14 job market; and

15 WHEREAS many severely handicapped Alaskans who would like to see their
16 state are not able to go boating, camping, hiking, or skiing; and

17 WHEREAS many severely handicapped Alaskans who would like to travel
18 around the state cannot conveniently use all methods of transportation; and

19 WHEREAS during the off-season the state ferries frequently operate at
20 less than full capacity;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
22 the Governor to direct the division of marine highways to initiate a program
23 whereby severely handicapped Alaskans may travel on state ferries for no
24 charge on a space-available basis between two Alaskan points of embarkation
25 from October 1 to the following May 15 annually.