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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 (Transportation)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to access to Whittier, Alaska.

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

7 WHEREAS there are a number of places along the railbed of the Alaska
8 Railroad that are paved for temporary use by automobiles when snowslides
9 cover the Seward Highway, making it impassable; and

10 WHEREAS a significant number of people seek access to Whittier,
11 Alaska, and access is limited to service on the Alaska Railroad; and

12 WHEREAS the railroad service to and from Whittier is inadequate or
13 inconvenient and a significant number of people would prefer to drive to
14 and from Whittier; and

15 WHEREAS highway development to Whittier would create greater recre-
16 ational opportunities for Southcentral Alaska and provide access to beauti-
17 ful Prince William Sound thereby adding another important tourism attrac-
18 tion base as well as access to future harbor facilities;

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
20 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Transportation and
21 Public Facilities to complete as soon as possible in consultation with the
22 Alaska Railroad a preliminary design for one-way motor traffic facilities
23 through Whittier tunnels and, if needed, ventilation, lighting and other
24 improvements such as traffic control systems; and to provide the legisla-
25 ture with construction cost estimates and projected costs per passenger
26 based on anticipated traffic volume.