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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14 (Transportation)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Relating to the navigability of Alaska's
6 rivers and lakes.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS Alaska's rivers and lakes have always been a primary means of
9 transportation and access for the people of the state; and
10 WHEREAS a great many of these same waterbodies have traditionally and
11 historically served as routes for commerce and trade; and
12 WHEREAS the geographic features of the State of Alaska necessitate the
13 continued use of these rivers and lakes for traditional travel purposes;
14 and
15 WHEREAS the federal government is not considering several traditional
16 means of transportation used in Alaska, such as jet unit and aluminum river
17 boat, inflatable boats, air boats, and winter use, when determining whether
18 bodies of water in Alaska are navigable; and
19 WHEREAS all other states have had the opportunity to demonstrate
20 navigability of waterbodies within their boundaries on a much less restric-
21 tive basis; and
22 WHEREAS the State of Alaska has several test cases now in litigation
23 that will help establish a basis for claiming navigability of its water-
24 bodies; and
25 WHEREAS trade, travel, commerce, subsistence, and recreational activi-
26 ties should continue on a traditional basis on Alaska's navigable rivers
27 and lakes; and
28 WHEREAS the federal government may propose waterbodies in Alaska for
29 classification as wild and scenic rivers without knowing whether or not