

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY HOFFMAN

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the expeditious redesign and  
6 reconstruction of the airport road in  
7 Bethel.

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

9 WHEREAS Bethel has only 11 road miles within its road system; and

10 WHEREAS the airport road in Bethel consists of 4.4 road miles; and

11 WHEREAS the airport road in Bethel is a federal-aid secondary highway

12 but has not received federal funds for repair or reconstruction since the

13 road was paved in 1972; and

14 WHEREAS the airport road in Bethel is an essential transportation  
15 artery that supports commerce and economic activities of the region; and

16 WHEREAS use of the airport road is expected to increase in the future;

17 and

18 WHEREAS Bethel is located in a region of ice rich and frost suscepti-  
19 ble soils that cause excessive and variable deflection of road surfaces

20 resulting in pavement breakage, alligating, and associated fractures of

21 the road; and

22 WHEREAS the principles of arctic road construction were not totally  
23 understood when the Bethel road system was constructed; and

24 WHEREAS modern technology and materials now allow construction of  
25 quality roads in arctic regions; and

26 WHEREAS the redesign and reconstruction of the airport road will  
27 reduce the frequency of accidents on the road and the need for frequent  
28 repair of vehicles using the road;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests

1 the Governor to direct the Department of Transportation and Public Facil-  
2 ities to assign a high priority to the expeditious redesign and recon-  
3 struction of the airport road in Bethel.