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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to a special report on long-

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term operations of the Alaska Railroad.

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

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WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad Corporation operates the Alaska Railroad on a self-sustaining basis according to sound railroad management practices pending ultimate transfer of the railroad to the private sector; and

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WHEREAS sec. 3(a), ch. 153, SLA 1984, required the Governor to contract for the preparation of a special report on the long-term operations of the Alaska Railroad, operational alternatives, and the transfer of all or part of the railroad operation to the private sector; and

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WHEREAS the report was due February 1, 1987, but the contract for the report was never let and the funding for the report has lapsed; and

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WHEREAS the report would materially assist the Governor and the Legislature as they consider operational alternatives for the railroad and the potential transfer of all or part of the railroad to the private sector; and

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WHEREAS it is most appropriate that the study be funded out of the general fund rather than out of the operating revenue of the railroad because the operating revenue of the railroad is necessary to fund the continuing operations of the railroad and because the present operating structure of the Alaska Railroad must be critically and objectively reviewed as part of the report;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to direct the Department of Commerce and Economic Development to contract for the special report on the long-term operations of the

1 Alaska Railroad required under sec. 3(a), ch. 153, SLA 1984, and to com-
2 plete the report by February 1, 1988, for submission to the Governor and
3 the Legislature; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract for the report be funded by reallo-
5 cation of existing appropriations and that the amount expended for the
6 report not exceed \$300,000.