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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 (Transportation)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Relating to a special report on long-
6 term operations of the Alaska Railroad.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad Corporation operates the Alaska Railroad
9 on a self-sustaining basis according to sound railroad management practices
10 pending ultimate transfer of the railroad to the private sector; and
11 WHEREAS sec. 3(a), ch. 153, SLA 1984, required the Governor to con-
12 tract for the preparation of a special report on the long-term operations
13 of the Alaska Railroad, operational alternatives, and the transfer of all
14 or part of the railroad operation to the private sector; and
15 WHEREAS the report was due February 1, 1987, but the contract for the
16 report was never let and the funding for the report has lapsed; and
17 WHEREAS the report would materially assist the Governor and the Legis-
18 lature as they consider operational alternatives for the railroad and the
19 potential transfer of all or part of the railroad to the private sector;
20 and
21 WHEREAS it is most appropriate that the study be funded out of the
22 general fund rather than out of the operating revenue of the railroad
23 because the operating revenue of the railroad is necessary to fund the
24 continuing operations of the railroad and because the present operating
25 structure of the Alaska Railroad must be critically and objectively re-
26 viewed as part of the report;
27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
28 the Governor to direct the Department of Commerce and Economic Development
29 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, 1989, 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.