

1 IN THE HOUSE BY LARSON, MENARD, ELLIS,
BROWN, GRUENBERG AND DONLEY

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to tourist-oriented directional

6 signs.

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

8 WHEREAS tourism is a major source of economic growth and stability in

9 the state; and

10 WHEREAS large numbers of tourists travel to and around the state by

11 automobile, motor home, or bus; and

12 WHEREAS the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is

13 considering a proposal to implement a Tourist-Oriented Directional Sign

14 (TODS) program in order to install uniform, federally approved information-

15 al signs on roads and highways to direct tourists to roadside businesses

16 that provide services to tourists; and

17 WHEREAS the TODS program will provide directional signs to many tour-

18 ist-oriented businesses that, due to current federal regulations, may not

19 place signs on roads or highways, such as gift shops, lodges, guide ser-

20 vices, and gold-panning operations; and

21 WHEREAS the TODS program will greatly assist tourist-oriented busi-

22 nesses that are not readily visible from the roadside; and

23 WHEREAS the Federal Highway Administration is expected to approve to

24 TODS program so that tourist-oriented directional signs may be installed on

25 the right-of-way of federal aid highways in the state;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its support

27 for the Tourist-Oriented Directional Sign program; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully re-

29 quests the Governor to direct the Department of Transportation and Public

- 1 Facilities to implement the Tourist-Oriented Directional Sign program as
- 2 soon as possible after the program is approved by the Federal Highway
- 3 Administration.