

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the cost of air travel and

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to competition in the airline industry.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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WHEREAS airline travel is an essential means of transportation for the

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people of the state; and

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WHEREAS the competitive market forces in many other states have caused

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a decline in commercial passenger air fares; and

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WHEREAS there are no competitive forces in the state to cause a sig-

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nificant decline in commercial air fares; and

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WHEREAS commercial passenger air fares are higher today and continue

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to escalate upward; and

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WHEREAS the cost of air travel in the state has become prohibitively

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expensive in many rural areas; and

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WHEREAS passengers traveling to and from Alaska pay a significantly

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higher fare per air mile than passengers traveling between other states;

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and

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WHEREAS the commercial air carriers appear to be engaging in setting

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mutually beneficial fare rates that restrict a free and open competitive

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market;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives urges the Governor,

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the Attorney General, and the commissioner of transportation and public

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facilities to investigate and report to the legislature any barriers to an

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open and competitive airline industry and pursue every avenue that will

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reduce the cost of airline travel for passengers traveling to and from the

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State of Alaska.