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1 IN THE SENATE BY FAIKS
2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 62
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Relating to making state facilities and
6 national parks in Alaska accessible to
7 visitors.
8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
9 WHEREAS more than 20 percent of the United States population is of
10 retirement age; and
11 WHEREAS 13 percent of all tourist travelers have a disability; and
12 WHEREAS elderly persons have more disposable income and discretionary
13 time than any other population segment; and
14 WHEREAS Alaska may be perceived by some to be a beautiful yet rugged
15 wilderness accessible mainly to the fleet of foot; and
16 WHEREAS increasing tourism by providing a significant incentive for
17 elderly and handicapped visitors will greatly benefit the Alaskan economy;
18 and
19 WHEREAS tourism is an industry that has little negative effect on the
20 environment; and
21 WHEREAS projects that provide greater access for handicapped and
22 elderly visitors are labor-intensive investments; and
23 WHEREAS greater access for elderly and handicapped visitors will
24 enhance Alaska's image as a destination that is sensitive to both people
25 and the environment;
26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
27 the governor to
28 (1) examine ways of making state facilities more accessible to
29 elderly and handicapped visitors; and

1 (2) work with federal agencies to carry out the federal mandate
2 to provide barrier-free access to national parks in Alaska.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald P.
4 Hodel, U.S. Secretary of the Interior; Boyd Evison, National Park Service,
5 Alaska Regional Director; Mark Hickey, commissioner of transportation and
6 public facilities; J. Anthony Smith, commissioner of commerce and economic
7 development; and Judith M. Brady, commissioner of natural resources.