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1 IN THE SENATE  
2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 62 (HESS)  
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) promote Alaska's accessibility to elderly and handicapped  
2 visitors in appropriate marketing and promotional programs.

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.