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Funding Information
General Fund \$750,000
Other Funds -0-
\$750,000

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 312 (Transportation)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act making a special appropriation to the Depart-
7 ment of Transportation and Public Facilities for an
8 environmental impact statement concerning Seward and
9 Kodiak as homeports for navy ships; and providing for
10 an effective date."

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

12 * Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

13 (1) the United States Department of the Navy conducted a study
14 of potential homeport sites in the state, assessing climate, port services,
15 transportation, utilities, community support, and economic impact;

16 (2) the navy's homebasing report selected Kodiak and Seward as
17 the most suitable Alaska ports for the potential basing of two frigates,
18 each with a complement of approximately 275 personnel and requiring a total
19 of 75 civilian support personnel ashore;

20 (3) the Fifteenth Alaska State Legislature indicated its support
21 for basing a navy homeport in Alaska, so long as there are net benefits to
22 the state, by passing Legislative Resolve 61;

23 (4) the public has expressed strong support for homeporting in
24 the state, assuming a reasonable economic return;

25 (5) the Department of the Navy has suggested that environmental
26 impact statements be prepared to examine the effects associated with home-
27 porting in Kodiak and Seward and the state agrees so long as the project
28 terms are set out in a memorandum of understanding and comply with the
29 intent of Legislative Resolve 61 passed by the Fifteenth Alaska State

1 Legislature; and

2 (6) the state Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
3 will need added money to prepare the environmental impact statements should
4 they be warranted.

5 * Sec. 2. (a) The sum of \$750,000 is appropriated from the general
6 fund to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for expenses
7 incurred in evaluating placing homeports for United States Navy ships in
8 Seward and in Kodiak, including

9 (1) assessing the feasibility of the project;

10 (2) undertaking an environmental impact analysis, if warranted,
11 for the project;

12 (3) performing work pertaining to implementation of a comprehen-
13 sive plan for the project; and

14 (4) negotiating or consummating agreements, including necessary
15 legal work, for the project.

16 (b) The appropriation in (a) of this section is made on the condition
17 that no more than \$50,000 of the appropriation may be expended until a
18 signed agreement in principle is entered into by the state and the United
19 States Navy that sets out the project terms including a long-term financial
20 commitment to the project from the navy.

21 * Sec. 3. The unexpended and unobligated balance of the appropriation
22 made by this Act lapses into the general fund June 30, 1992.

23 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).