

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to reconstruction of Highway

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S310 at Unalaska.

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

8 WHEREAS Unalaska Highway, a federal aid secondary highway known as  
9 Highway S310, is within the corporate boundaries of the City of Unalaska  
10 and is the primary roadway serving the citizens of Unalaska, and the only  
11 route to the state-operated Unalaska airport; and

12 WHEREAS the City of Unalaska has historically maintained Highway S310,  
13 using local revenue and a small amount of state revenue sharing funds, at a  
14 yearly cost in excess of \$500,000 a year, 10 percent of the city's total  
15 general fund budget; and

16 WHEREAS the highway is presently in need of major repair and upgrade  
17 caused by the increase in large semi-tractor trailer trucks hauling prod-  
18 ucts from processors to ports and other vehicle traffic; January 14, 1989,  
19 the city counted 5,855 vehicles using the highway in a 24-hour period; and

20 WHEREAS the City of Unalaska has experienced a 41 percent increase in  
21 population in the last year and a corresponding increase in the number of  
22 new vehicles being registered by the division of motor vehicles, presently  
23 averaging 35 vehicles a month; and

24 WHEREAS the City of Unalaska has not received financial or staff  
25 support from the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to  
26 maintain the highway, while other communities of a similar size throughout  
27 the state have road maintenance facilities and paved roads; and

28 WHEREAS the situation in Unalaska has reached a crisis stage with new  
29 vehicles having an average life of only three years due to the poor

1 condition of the highway; and

2 WHEREAS the City of Unalaska cannot bear the cost of maintaining or  
3 reconstructing Highway S310 while other basic infrastructure needs, vital  
4 to the city's economic development, remain unfulfilled;

5 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
6 the Governor to direct the Department of Transportation and Public Facil-  
7 ities to assume immediately responsibility for maintenance and operation of  
8 Highway S310 at Unalaska; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully re-  
10 quests the Governor to direct the Department of Transportation and Public  
11 Facilities to accelerate the current schedule for planning and reconstruc-  
12 tion of Highway S310 at Unalaska in order that planning for the project  
13 will occur in federal fiscal year 1990 and that construction of the project  
14 will occur in federal fiscal year 1992.