

BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the costs of Alaska airline

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travel.

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

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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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commercial air fares to decline for those states, but the competitive

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forces that would cause a significant decline in commercial air fares do

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not exist in Alaska; and

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WHEREAS commercial air fares within the state are prohibitively expen-

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sive and continue to escalate; and

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WHEREAS airline passengers traveling to and from the state pay a

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significantly higher air fare per air mile than passengers traveling to and

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from other states; and

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WHEREAS airlines that engage in price wars in the Lower 48 use the

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revenue from high air fares in Alaska to offset their losses in other

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states; and

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WHEREAS the commercial air carriers servicing the state appear to be

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setting mutually beneficial air fares that prevent a free and open competi-

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tive market from existing in the state;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests

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the Governor, the Attorney General, and the commissioner of transportation

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and public facilities to investigate what barriers prevent the existence in

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the state of an open and competitive airline industry that would result in

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the reduction of the cost of airline travel for residents of the state; and

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2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully re-
3 quests that a report of the findings resulting from the investigation be
4 submitted to the Alaska State Legislature and the United States Secretary
5 of Transportation within the first two weeks of the Seventeenth Alaska
6 State Legislature.