

BY THE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

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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 compensation for Skycaps at

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airports.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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WHEREAS Skycaps at the state's international airports provide an

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important service to the traveling public and are an essential part of the

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state's visitor industry; and

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WHEREAS state and federal law require that employees be paid a minimum

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wage established by law; and

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WHEREAS the state has an obligation in establishing contract con-

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ditions to assure that those conditions do not preclude contractors from

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meeting their obligation to pay employees the minimum wage established by

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law; and

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WHEREAS since 1980, as a result of contractual conditions established

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by the state Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Skycaps

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have not been paid the minimum wage required by state and federal law and

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have been required to pay for the privilege of working; and

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WHEREAS the state Department of Labor has ruled that Skycaps are now

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and have always been entitled to receive the minimum wage required by law;

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WHEREAS the current contract between the Skycap concessionaires and

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the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities ends on March 30,

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1990, and the department has notified Skycap personnel working at the

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Anchorage International Airport that they must cease working on that date;

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WHEREAS future Skycap services will be provided through a contractual

1 arrangement between contractors providing Skycap services and the Anchorage
2 International Airport Operations Council, Skycap Committee; and

3 WHEREAS the future contractor may not be ready to operate by March 31,
4 1990, which will result in current Skycap personnel losing their jobs until
5 the new contractor is ready to operate;

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives that the house applauds
7 the efforts of the Anchorage International Airport Operations Council,
8 Skycap Committee, to fairly and efficiently contract for the provision of
9 Skycap services and respectfully requests the committee to continue to work
10 to assure that current Skycap personnel retain their jobs under future
11 contracts; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully re-
13 quests the Governor to direct the Department of Transportation and Public
14 Facilities to amend the memorandum issued March 16, 1990, to current
15 Skycaps to permit them to remain on the job until the new contractor is
16 ready to operate so that the existing Skycaps are not unnecessarily dis-
17 placed from their jobs during the transition period; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to make
19 recommendations to the legislature by April 10, 1990, as to how Skycaps
20 employed before April 1, 1990, who did not receive a minimum wage will be
21 reimbursed for back wages.

22 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Jeff McPherson, Anchorage
23 International Airport Operations Council, Skycap Committee, and Paul
24 Meyerhoff, Executive Director, Alaska International Airport System.