

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

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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 a plan for expansion of and

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major improvements to the Alaska trans-

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portation system.

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

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WHEREAS the purpose of the Alaska transportation system is to provide

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an intrastate connection between communities and an interstate link between

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Alaska and the other states; and

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WHEREAS the development of the Alaska transportation system has helped

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foster the economic development and social progress of the state and indi-

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vidual communities; and

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WHEREAS a principal objective of the Alaska transportation system

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should be to continue to stimulate the economic and social progress of the

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state; and

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WHEREAS there is not a significant source of funds for capital im-

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provements to the Alaska transportation system other than the federal

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highway and aviation programs; and

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WHEREAS the current emphasis of transportation planning is on improve-

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ments to existing facilities and few resources are available for long-term

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planning for expansion of the Alaska transportation system; and

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WHEREAS the state must allocate its financial resources among benefi-

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cial projects and must establish priorities among those projects in order

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to best stimulate the state's economic and social growth through a balanced

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approach that includes expansion of and major improvements to the Alaska

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transportation system; and

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WHEREAS the state must develop a long-term plan to prioritize major

1 projects or major improvements to the existing transportation system before
2 the Federal Highway Administration will allow use of federal highway funds
3 for environmental impact statements, design, rights-of-way, or construction
4 of such projects;

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

8 (1) plan for expansion of and major improvements to the Alaska
9 transportation system, including the Alaska marine highway system, by
10 identifying and selecting new transportation routes or major improvements
11 to the existing system; and

12 (2) establish a means for funding projects to expand or make
13 major improvements to the Alaska transportation system through the existing
14 allocations of federal funding or through other funding mechanisms identi-
15 fied by the department; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Public
17 Facilities report to the legislature by

18 (1) January 15, 1990, on the department's plan for expansion of
19 or major improvements to the Alaska transportation system and the sources
20 of funding for the expansion; and

21 (2) January 15, 1991, on the department's prioritized list of
22 projects to expand or improve the Alaska transportation system and the
23 proposed source of funding for each project; and be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Public
25 Facilities include in the long range transportation plans for the state
26 under AS 19.10.140 and AS 44.42.050 those projects to expand or provide
27 major improvements to the Alaska transportation system that have been
28 identified as high priority projects.

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