

Original sponsor: Duncan

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25 (Transportation)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Relating to a plan for expansion of the
6 Alaska transportation system.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS the purpose of the Alaska transportation system is to provide
9 an intrastate connection between communities and an interstate link between
10 Alaska and the other states; and
11 WHEREAS the development of the Alaska transportation system has helped
12 foster the economic development and social progress of the state and indi-
13 vidual communities; and
14 WHEREAS a principal objective of the Alaska transportation system
15 should be to continue to stimulate the economic and social progress of the
16 state; and
17 WHEREAS there is not a significant source of funds for capital im-
18 provements for expansion of the Alaska transportation system other than the
19 federal highway and aviation programs; and
20 WHEREAS the current emphasis of transportation planning is on improve-
21 ments to existing facilities and few resources are available for long-term
22 planning for expansion of the Alaska transportation system; and
23 WHEREAS the state must allocate its financial resources among benefi-
24 cial projects and must establish priorities among those projects in order
25 to best stimulate the state's economic and social growth through a balanced
26 approach that includes expansion of and improvements to the Alaska trans-
27 portation system; and
28 WHEREAS the state must develop a long-term plan to prioritize major
29 projects for expansion of or improvements to the existing transportation

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

4 WHEREAS no significant expansion of the Alaska transportation system
5 has occurred since the construction of the Dalton Highway;

6 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
7 the Governor to direct the Department of Transportation and Public Facil-
8 ities to

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

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

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

17 (1) January 15, 1990, on the department's plan for expansion of
18 the Alaska transportation system and the sources of funding for the expan-
19 sion; and

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

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

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