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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47 (Transportation)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Requesting the establishment of pol-
6 icies, procedures, and standards for the
7 construction and maintenance of rural
8 roads.
9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
10 WHEREAS a network of roads does not exist in rural Alaska; and
11 WHEREAS many communities in the state need to be connected with neigh-
12 boring cities; and
13 WHEREAS several cities in rural Alaska would like to be connected to
14 the existing road systems near the cities; and
15 WHEREAS a seasonal road system would provide an alternate means of
16 moving freight to communities in rural Alaska; and
17 WHEREAS a road system, even though seasonal and minimal, would con-
18 tribute to the reduction of the cost of living in many rural areas of the
19 state; and
20 WHEREAS a pioneer road system would be the basis upon which a future,
21 more permanent road system, could be established; and
22 WHEREAS several communities in the state would be willing to assume
23 the responsibility of developing and maintaining a segment of a minimum-
24 standard road if they were to receive encouragement from the Department of
25 Transportation and Public Facilities; and
26 WHEREAS the present criteria in the Department of Transportation and
27 Public Facilities for road construction and maintenance are not conducive
28 to development of a low-cost, seasonal road; and
29 WHEREAS a seasonal road system would promote development of, and give

1 access to, the state's natural resources; and

2 WHEREAS a pioneer road would allow safe and economical transportation
3 of hazardous materials, including fuels and explosives; and

4 WHEREAS a pioneer road would provide an alternate means for convenient
5 personal transportation that is not subject to air schedules; and

6 WHEREAS a pioneer road would make it possible to better utilize the
7 vehicles owned by rural residents because it would make travel outside the
8 immediate community more practical;

9 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
10 the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to establish pol-
11 icies, procedures, and standards of construction and maintenance for rural
12 roads, including pioneer roads, seasonal roads, ice roads, and trails.

13 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Mark S.
14 Hickey, commissioner of transportation and public facilities; the Honorable
15 Lennie Gorsuch, commissioner of natural resources; and to the Honorable Don
16 W. Collinsworth, commissioner of fish and game.