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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47 (Transportation) am  
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 the road systems within communities in rural Alaska need  
12 repair to improve access to airports and general transportation within the  
13 communities; and  
14 WHEREAS many communities in the state need to be connected with neigh-  
15 boring cities; and  
16 WHEREAS several cities in rural Alaska would like the option to be  
17 connected to the existing road systems near the cities; and  
18 WHEREAS a seasonal road system would provide an alternate means of  
19 moving freight to communities in rural Alaska; and  
20 WHEREAS a road system, even though seasonal and minimal, would con-  
21 tribute to the reduction of the cost of living in many rural areas of the  
22 state; and  
23 WHEREAS a pioneer road system would be the basis upon which a future,  
24 more permanent road system, could be established; and  
25 WHEREAS several communities in the state would be willing to assume  
26 the responsibility of developing and maintaining a segment of a minimum-  
27 standard road if they were to receive encouragement from the Department of  
28 Transportation and Public Facilities; and  
29 WHEREAS the present criteria in the Department of Transportation and

1 Public Facilities for road construction and maintenance are not conducive  
2 to development of a low-cost, seasonal road; and

3 WHEREAS a seasonal road system would promote development of, and give  
4 access to, the state's natural resources; and

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

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

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

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

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests that  
17 the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities take into  
18 consideration the desires of the communities that would be affected by  
19 having new roads connecting their communities with other communities.

20 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Mark S.  
21 Hickey, commissioner of transportation and public facilities; the Honorable  
22 Lennie Gorsuch, commissioner of natural resources; and to the Honorable Don  
23 W. Collinworth, commissioner of fish and game.