

CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32 (RESOURCES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/11/92

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS COTTEN, Pourchot, Rodey, Pearce

A RESOLUTION

**1 Requesting the Governor to take appropriate steps to make the state eligible for the
2 benefits of the Symms National Recreational Trails Act.**

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

**4 WHEREAS the Symms National Recreational Trails Act was part of the Intermodal Surface
5 Transportation Efficiency Act passed by the Congress in federal fiscal year 1992; and**

**6 WHEREAS the Act authorizes up to \$30,000,000 annually to be distributed among the states
7 for acquisition, development, maintenance, and rehabilitation of trails and trailhead facilities; and**

**8 WHEREAS, to ensure Alaska's eligibility to participate in the Act's program, the state must
9 submit a letter to the federal Secretary of Transportation that designates a statewide program
10 administrator, establish a recreational trail advisory board, and allocate certain amounts of state fuel taxes
11 to recreational trails; and**

**12 WHEREAS the intent language of the Act encourages each governor to appoint the entity
13 currently administering the Land and Water Conservation Fund to administer the Trail Fund money; and**

**14 WHEREAS the division of parks and outdoor recreation, Department of Natural Resources, has
15 successfully administered the land and water conservation fund since its inception in 1965 and is charged**

1 with outdoor recreation administration for the state;

2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Governor to take all appropriate
3 steps to make the state eligible for money under the Symms National Recreational Trails Act, including

4 (1) appointment of the division of parks and outdoor recreation as the administering
5 agency;

6 (2) establishment of a recreational trail advisory board with representation required under
7 the Act; and

8 (3) allocation of funds for recreational trails in an amount equal to the revenue collected
9 by the state from nonhighway recreational fuel taxes.

10 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to Harold C. Heinze, commissioner of natural resources,
11 and Frank Turpin, commissioner of transportation and public facilities.