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reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

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BY OSTERBACK, MALONE, ANDERSON,
BEIRNE, BROWN, BUCHHOLDT, COTTEN,
DAVIS, DUNCAN, FISCHER, GARDINER,
GRUENING, GUY, HACKNEY, HERSHBERGER,
HUNTINGTON, KELLEY, MILLER, NAUGHTON,
OSTROSKY, PARR AND RHODE

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting a comprehensive feasibility
6 study of the extension of state ferry
7 service to Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian
8 Island communities.

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

10 WHEREAS residents of Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Island communities
11 are experiencing skyrocketing costs for delivery of freight from Seattle and
12 for personal transportation by air between Anchorage and these communities;
13 and

14 WHEREAS the air fare, roundtrip, for example, between Anchorage and
15 Sand Point is \$255; furniture is barged to the Alaska Peninsula for 34 cents
16 a pound; the charge for transporting an automobile by barge from Seattle to
17 Cold Bay is \$1,100, and to Sand Point, \$900; the barge freight rate for a
18 mobile home is approximately \$10,000, and for a modular home, \$17,000; all of
19 which have become prohibitively costly to most residents of the area; and

20 WHEREAS, although the United States Navy has a contract with Sea-Land
21 for bimonthly freighter service to Adak Island aboard the SUMMIT, frequently
22 that 590-foot vessel is unable to dock at such ports as Sand Point due to
23 rough weather, thus, because of that ship's undependable schedule, freight
24 accumulates in Seattle for a three to four month period; and

25 WHEREAS extension of state ferry service to Alaska Peninsula and
26 Aleutian Island communities would mean residents would be able to make less
27 expensive grocery and construction material purchases that could be acquired
28 in Anchorage rather than in Seattle, thus retaining more dollars in the
29 Alaska economy; and

1 WHEREAS the M/V TUSTUMENA, the only United States Coast Guard certifi-
2 cated ocean-going vessel in the state ferry system fleet, is more maneuver-
3 able in all weather conditions than the Sea-Land chartered freighter that
4 serves these Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Island communities because the
5 TUSTUMENA is but half the length of the SUMMIT; and

6 WHEREAS the M/V TUSTUMENA is the state ferry fleet's most versatile
7 vessel: it can put into any port, regardless of tidal conditions, that has
8 a cannery wharf, pier or other standard docking facility because the
9 TUSTUMENA's unique 60-ton elevator lifts vehicular traffic from the ship's
10 hold to any suitable loading platform, thus avoiding the necessity of an
11 elaborate, expensive on-shore system of transfer spans and aprons at each
12 port of call; and

13 WHEREAS the waters in the vicinity of the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian
14 communities that require state ferry service are ice free the year around and
15 are relatively protected by comparison to those near the Barren Islands in
16 Shelikoff Straits traversed weekly by the M/V TUSTUMENA between Kodiak, Homer
17 and Seward; and

18 WHEREAS there is a marine fueling station in the Aleutian chain port of
19 Dutch Harbor, one of the largest supplies of marine fuels on the West Coast,
20 if not in the entire Pacific Basin, thus permitting the refueling of a ferry
21 at that final stop on an Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Island route;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
23 respectfully requested to direct the Division of Marine Transportation,
24 Department of Public Works, to undertake a comprehensive feasibility study of
25 the extension of the state ferry system into Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian
26 Island communities, including but not limited to a consideration of the
27 following:

28 (1) the need for, and level of service required, in the affected
29 communities, including but not limited to Chignik, Sand Point, Squaw Harbor,

1 King Cove, Cold Bay, False Pass, Ivanoff Bay, Akutan, Dutch Harbor and
2 Unalaska (Captain's Bay);

3 (2) interconnections with other modes of transportation, and
4 comparisons of the cost of using other means of transportation for moving
5 freight, passengers, and vehicles versus extension of the ferry system for
6 this purpose;

7 (3) capital improvement costs including the cost of designing,
8 acquiring, constructing and equipping an appropriate ocean-going certified
9 vessel and docking and terminal facilities where required;

10 (4) operating costs;

11 (5) frequency of service and scheduling, proposed tariffs and
12 charges for service; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED that the department is requested, as a part of the
14 feasibility study, to hold hearings in, and to consult with, the affected
15 communities as to level of service desired; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED that the department is requested to present its find-
17 ings and recommendations to the Governor and to the Legislature not later
18 than 10 days after the Ninth Legislature, Second Session convenes.
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	<u>ALLOCATIONS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION ITEMS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION FUND SOURCES</u>	
			<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>
Extend existing Kodiak-Iliamna Port and Vessel Study to include Aleutian and Bristol Bay Area.		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	
Valdez Airport Upgrading and Maintenance		242,700	242,700	
Supplemental Appropriation (IARF \$904.5; FED \$1,148.5)		2,053,000		\$2,053,000
Terminal Remodeling, Fairbanks (IARF) (page 68)		880,000		880,000
Sewer Outfall Line, Anchorage (IARF) (page 68)		50,000		50,000
Sewer Interceptor, Fairbanks (IARF) (page 69)		50,000		50,000
Lake Hood Sewer, Anchorage (IARF) (page 69)		20,000		20,000
East Side Cargo Area, Fairbanks (IARF \$53.4; FED \$771.6) (page 69)		825,000		825,000
Fire Rescue Vehicle, Fairbanks (IARF \$40.0; FED \$160.0) (page 70)		200,000		200,000
Sand Storage Drying, Fairbanks (IARF) (page 70)		75,000		75,000
Maintenance Equipment (IARF) (page 70)		252,000		252,000
Security Fire/Rescue Equipment, Anchorage (IARF \$317.0; FED \$240.0) (page 71)		557,000		557,000
1970 Airport Construction Bond Fund		9,200	9,200	

NOTE: A revised budget request for International Airports is contained in a letter dated May 23, 1975, from the Chairman of the Budget Committee to the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and should reflect revisions not found in that letter.

FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

SCR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42 by Kerttula

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Honoring Zoa H. Hazel

was read the first time and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HCR 36 The Finance Committee Chairman's report on HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36 (feasibility study, extension of state ferry service to Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Island) (page 854 of the journal) and HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41 (study, state ferry system into Western Alaska) (page 855 of the journal) appears as follows:

HCR 41

"FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT


ON

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 36

AND

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 41

The Legislative intent is to reallocate in House Bill 70 this year \$30,000 of the \$300,000 for the Knik Arm Study for the purpose of carrying out the studies under House Concurrent Resolution 36 and House Concurrent Resolution 41. There will not be an additional appropriation.


Hugh Malohe, Chairman
House Finance Committee"

The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. House Concurrent Resolution No. 36

Title: Requesting a comprehensive feasibility study of ferry service to Alaska Peninsula

Requested by: House State Affairs Committee Date: 4/8/75 & Aleutian Is.

Return Date Requested: April 8, 1975

Agency: Public Works Program: Marine Transportation

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Administration

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		10.0				
200 TRAVEL		8.0				
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES		1.0				
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	0	19.0	0	0	0	0

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND		19.0				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER			0	0	0	0

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	/	/	/	/	/
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	/	/	/	/	/

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

Tentative cost estimate (in-house study)

Personal Services

Engineer	3.5	
Planner	5.0	
Typist	<u>1.5</u>	10.0
Travel		8.0
Commodities		<u>1.0</u>
		19.0

IV. ATTACHMENTS Note: Consultant study estimated at 40.0 to 50.0 based on current Iliamna study.

V. DATE: April 8, 1975

PREPARED BY: W. R. Hudson

Original: Legislative Finance
cc: Budget and Management
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

AMENDMENT #1

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE:

BY: House State Affairs Committee

TO: _____ HOUSE BILL No. HR 36

SENATE BILL No. _____

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LINE: Line

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type"