

Requesting a comprehensive study of the extension of the state ferry system into Western Alaska.

COMMITTEE REPORT

4/9/75

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 4/19/75

The Committee on FINANCE has had HCR #1

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

recommends it DO PASS

recommends it DO NOT PASS

recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT

CS FOR _____ DO PASS

"and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____

COMMITTEE

reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

"other"

Members signing the Majority report:

<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	
<u>[Signature]</u>		

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

<u>[Signature]</u>	recommends: <u>no vote</u>
_____	recommends:
_____	recommends:
_____	recommends:
_____	recommends:

[Signature] Chairman

Introduced: 3/24/75
Referred: State Affairs and
Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY ANDERSON

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting a comprehensive study of the
6 extension of the state ferry system into
7 Western Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS the cost of delivering freight, whether by air or surface
10 transportation, to Western Alaska communities rapidly is becoming prohibitive;
11 and

12 WHEREAS barge line service to many communities is undependable even
13 during the ice free season and thus does not meet the needs of Alaskans re-
14 siding in isolated rural areas; freight orders frequently languish many months
15 on the docks and in warehouses in Seattle, and only the Bureau of Indian
16 Affairs will guarantee freight delivery when its NORTH STAR III is unable
17 to make a scheduled port-of-call; and

18 WHEREAS the Eighth Alaska Legislature, Second Session, appropriated
19 matching funds for the construction of the first of two ferries to serve
20 communities along the Yukon River with passenger, vehicle and freight trans-
21 portation services; and

22 WHEREAS the 1972 "Report on Scheduling, Routing, Feasibility, and
23 Tariffs: Alaska Marine Highway System" prepared by the firm of Tippetts,
24 Abbett, McCarthy and Stratton, Consulting Engineers, devoted less than half a
25 page to proposals for, and the feasibility of, extension of the Alaska Marine
26 Highway to Western Alaska ports such as Iniskin Bay, South Naknek, Dillingham,
27 Togiak, Bethel, Hooper Bay, Alakanuk and St. Michael, asserting that consider-
28 ation of ferry service be deferred until 1990, if then due to alleged absence
29 of sufficient traffic to warrant its inauguration; and

1 WHEREAS, under the auspices of the Legislative Council, a report on
2 "Transportation in Rural Alaska" was prepared in 1972 suggesting that marine
3 transportation afforded an opportunity for the development of a viable trans-
4 portation delivery system for passengers, vehicles and freight to Western
5 Alaska provided appropriate port facilities and distribution systems,
6 especially to Northwest Alaska, were developed; and

7 WHEREAS, the legislature already subsidizes the delivery of freight to
8 the Aleutian Islands by barge in the amount of a \$35,000 annual appropriation
9 to the Division of Marine Transportation, Department of Public Works, and
10 similar subsidies to other unprofitable routes of waterborne commerce, for
11 example, Icy Straits in Southeastern Alaska (\$25,000); and

12 WHEREAS the Sea-Land Company delivers containerized cargo vans to Kodiak
13 which could be used as a home port for a ferry service extension to the
14 Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands and to all of Western Alaska; and

15 WHEREAS the M/V TUSTUMENA can accommodate containerized vans up to 40
16 feet in length and is, at present, the only United States Coast Guard certi-
17 ficated ocean-going vessel in the state ferry system that could be employed
18 during the ice-free months to provide periodic ferry service to Western Alaska
19 communities with intermediate stops along the Alaska Peninsula and in the
20 Aleutian chain;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature respectfully requests the
22 governor to direct the Department of Public Works, Division of Marine Trans-
23 portation, to undertake a comprehensive study of the extension of the state
24 ferry system into Western Alaska including, but not limited to, consideration
25 of its feasibility, routing, tariffs, vessels, port and terminal facilities,
26 scheduling and both construction and operation costs; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department is requested to present its
28 findings and recommendations to the governor and to the legislature not later
29 than 30 days after the Ninth Legislature, Second Session, convenes.

FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

SCR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42 by Kerttula
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Honoring Zoia 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)
HCR 41 (page 855 of the journal) appears as follows:

"FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

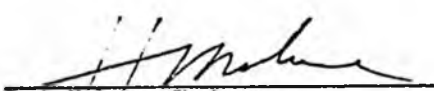
ON

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 Malone, Chairman
House Finance Committee"

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 Requested by: House State Affairs Committee Date: 4/8/75 Western, Ak.
 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)

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400 COMMODITIES		2.0				
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TOTAL	0	25.0	0	0	0	0

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	25.0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

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

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Planner	5.0	
Typist	1.0	11.0
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V. DATE: April 8, 1975 PREPARED BY: W. R. Hudson

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