



# COMMITTEE REPORT

## SENATE

4/3/81

FURTHER: Finance

Date:

5/21/81

Mr. President:

The Committee on TRANSPORTATION has had CSHCR 1(Trsp) am  
ree travel for senior citizens aboard vessels of the state marine highway sys-  
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under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee)  
reports it back with the following recommendations:

do pass

do not pass

do pass with attached amendments(s)

replace with CS for CSHCR 1 (Trsp)  same title  
 new title

and recommends

Do Pass

AND attaches a "Letter of Intent"  New Fiscal Note

reports it back without recommendation

referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING  
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING  
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Bill Ray

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Bill Ray  
CHAIRMAN

Original sponsors: Grussendorf, Cotten,  
Montgomery, et al

Offered: 5/22/81  
Referred: Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 (Transportation)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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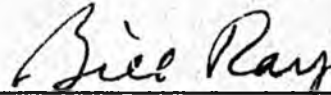
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Senator Bill Ray, Chairman  
Transportation Committee

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Twelfth Legislature FIRST Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RES. NO. ... 1 ...

By GRUSSENDORF, COTTELL, MONTGOMERY AND ZHAROFF

HAYS

Relating to reduced rate travel for older Alaskans aboard vessels of the state marine highway systems.

Marine highway reduced rate for older Alaskans

Introduced in the House ... 2/4..., 19. 81

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

19 81		Read first time and referred to Committee on
Feb. 4		<b>Transportation and Finance</b> Reported back with recommendation that
Mar 2		<i>Rep. replace CS (Drsp) 6 yeas, 1 do not pass</i>
Mar 3		<i>to Finance</i> <i>Rep. replace CS (Drsp) 6 yeas, 1 do not pass</i>
Apr 2		Read second time and <i>CS (Drsp) adopted amended &amp; considered on final passage</i>
Apr 2		Read third time and
		<b>PASS ed</b> <b>Effective Date</b>
		Yeas 34      Yeas
		Nays 5      Nays
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		<i>not voting</i>
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		<i>Gene Jackson</i> CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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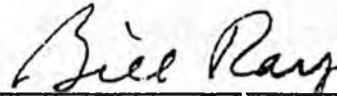
HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

19		Received from Senate
		Concurred in Senate amendment thus adopting: VOTE
		Failed to concur in Senate amendment; asked Senate to recede VOTE
		Senate receded from amendment VOTE
		Senate failed to recede from amendment VOTE
		CC appointed by House
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		CC adopted by House VOTE
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		Filed with Lt. Governor
		Chapter No. ....

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The Department of Health and Social Services recognizes that the availability of various kinds of public transportation is one of the key services that seniors need. Lack of available transportation is often cited as a major obstacle in the provision and receipt of other necessary services such as medical care for the elderly. We believe this is especially true for a majority of seniors living on low or fixed incomes. Travel costs of all kinds have recently been rising dramatically in response to continually rising fuel costs. This added cost places an increased burden on those elderly citizens on already tight budgets.

The Department of Health and Social Services endorses the concept contained in this resolution.

Recommended by: Elizabeth Muktarian  
Elizabeth Muktarian  
Director  
Division of Adult and  
Aging Services

Date: 4/10/81

Approved by: Helen D. Beirne  
Helen D. Beirne  
Commissioner  
Dept. of Health and  
Social Services

Date: 4/15/81

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. CS for House Concurrent Resolution No. 1 (Transportation) am  
 Title Relating to free travel for senior citizens aboard vessels of the state marine  
 Requested by highway system Date April 10, 1981

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services  
 Program Category Affected Social and Economic Assistance for the Aged  
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Division of Adult & Aging Services - Aging Grants  
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

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200 TRAVEL						
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500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
<b>TOTAL</b>		-0-				

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		-0-				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

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

Zero Impact.

IV. DATE

4-10-81

PREPARED BY

Dorothy Walt  
Dorothy Walt

AGENCY Division of Adult and Aging Services

PHONE 465-3250

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

ALL SENIOR CITIZENS - ALASKA PORTS ONLY

	<u>PASSAGE</u>	<u>VEHICLES</u>	<u>FOOD</u>	<u>STATEROOMS</u>
May 15 through September 30:				
	\$184.4	\$ 91.4	\$35.0	\$29.9
October through May 15:				
	-0-	\$ 62.1	\$14.9	\$15.4
TOTAL	\$184.4	\$153.5	\$49.9	\$45.3

For a twelve month reduction in revenue of: \$433.1

- II. If this were expanded to the use of the Southern Terminus (either Seattle or Prince Rupert), we could expect an increase in usage of the senior citizen pass procedure to reduce revenues as follows:

ALL SENIOR CITIZENS - ALL PORTS

	<u>PASSAGE</u>	<u>VEHICLES</u>	<u>FOOD</u>	<u>STATEROOMS</u>
May 15 through September:				
	\$368.7	\$182.8	\$70.0	\$59.7
October through May 15:				
	\$ 38.2	\$124.1	\$29.9	\$30.7
TOTAL	\$406.9	\$306.9	\$99.9	\$90.4

For a total of: \$904.1

If expanded to include the Southern Terminus for all senior citizens with no space available limitations, the nationally well-organized senior citizen groups would tend to fill the vessels to the detriment of full-fare paying travelers. Because this plan would increase the average age of the traveling public, it would result in the expansion of service to meet the needs of the older passenger. It is anticipated this could be accomplished by the addition of two Steward personnel on each of the larger vessels, and one each on smaller vessels.

Yearly costs as follows:

M/V's COLUMBIA, MALASPINA, MATANUSKA	2 each	6 X \$31,013 =	\$186,078
M/V's TAKU, LeCONTE, AURORA	1 each	3 X \$31,013 =	\$ 93,038
M/V's TUSTUMENA and BARTLETT	1 each	2 X \$33,575 =	\$ 67,150
		TOTAL	\$346,266

This could be expected to increase ten percent (10%) per year.

- III. If the expansion of the senior citizen pass is intended to apply only to older Alaskans, we could expect a revenue reduction of:

ALASKAN PORTS ONLY - ALASKANS ONLY

	<u>PASSAGE</u>	<u>VEHICLES</u>	<u>FOOD</u>	<u>STATEROOMS</u>
May 15 through September:				
	\$110.6	\$54.8	\$21.0	\$17.9
Plus months of October through May:				
	-0-	\$37.2	\$ 9.0	\$ 9.2
TOTAL	\$110.6	\$92.0	\$30.0	\$27.1

For a total revenue reduction of: \$259.7

(Continued)

POSITION PAPER / Department of Health & Social Services

POSITION PAPER  
ON  
CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

This resolution relates to "free passage to senior citizens during every month of the year to permit them to travel between Alaskan ports on a space-available basis and to investigate the possibility of making lodging available to senior citizens at a reduced rate".

The Department of Health and Social Services endorses the concept contained in this resolution.

We believe that such benefits extended to older Alaskans, as reduced lodging, and free travel through every month of the year contributes to improved access of these citizens to health care facilities on a year-round basis.

Recommended by: Elizabeth Muktarian  
Elizabeth Muktarian  
Director  
Div. of Adult and  
Aging Services

Date: 3/23/81

Approved by: HeLen D. Beirne  
HeLen D. Beirne  
Commissioner  
Dept. of Health and  
Social Services

Date: 3/24/81

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. CS for House Resolution No. 1  
 Title Relating to free travel for senior citizens aboard vessels  
 Requested by of the State Marine Highway System Date March 10, 1981

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Health & Social Services  
 Program Category Affected Social & Economic Assistance for the Aged  
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III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

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IV. DATE 3-10-81 PREPARED BY Dorothy Walt  
 AGENCY Division of Adult & Aging Services  
 PHONE 465-3250

Original: Legislative Finance  
 cc: Budget and Management  
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named) M&B Approval [Signature] Date 3/12/81

POSITION PAPER  
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House Concurrent Resolution No. 1

"Relating to reduced rate travel for older Alaskans aboard vessels of the state marine highway system."

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The Department of Health and Social Services endorses the concept contained in this resolution.

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth Muktarian  
Elizabeth Muktarian, Director  
Division of Adult & Aging Services

DATE: 2/19/81

APPROVED BY: Helen D. Beirne  
Helen D. Beirne, Commissioner  
Department of Health and  
Social Services

DATE: 2/19/81

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST  
 Bill/Resolution No. House Concurrent Resolution No. 1  
 Title "Relating to reduced rate travel for older Alaskans aboard vessels of the state"  
 Requested by marine highway system Date 2/19/81

II. FISCAL DETAIL  
 Agency Affected Dept. of Transportation, Public Facilities  
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IN THE HOUSE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 (Transportation) am  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to free travel for senior  
citizens aboard vessels of the state  
marine highway system.

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

WHEREAS, since 1974, in response to House Concurrent Resolution No. 52,  
the state marine highway system has provided for travel on ferries by per-  
sons 65 years of age and older on a space-available basis within Alaska  
without charge during the months of November to April, inclusive; and

WHEREAS, last year, in response to Legislative Resolve No. 2, 1980, the  
period of free passage for older Alaskans aboard state marine highway ves-  
sels was extended to October 1 to May 15 inclusive; and

WHEREAS this service has been used by increasing numbers of older  
Alaskans, permitting travel on the marine highway system at no cost while  
increasing the number of foot passengers on vessels of the system; and

WHEREAS the policy of free passage for older persons allows only pas-  
sage without cost during the "off-season", is not extended to other services  
for senior citizens traveling aboard vessels, and older persons pay full  
costs of lodging; and

WHEREAS many senior citizens find it difficult to use vessels of the  
marine highway system because of the unavailability and high cost of  
lodging;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
the Governor to direct the division of marine highways to extend free pas-  
sage to senior citizens during every month of the year to permit them to  
travel between Alaskan ports on a space-available basis and to investigate

1 the possibility of making staterooms aboard state ferries available at a  
2 reduced rate to senior citizens when traveling between Alaskan ports.

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ON  
CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

This resolution relates to "free passage to senior citizens during every month of the year to permit them to travel between Alaskan ports on a space-available basis and to investigate the possibility of making lodging available to senior citizens at a reduced rate".

The Department of Health and Social Services endorses the concept contained in this resolution.

We believe that such benefits extended to older Alaskans, as reduced lodging, and free travel through every month of the year contributes to improved access of these citizens to health care facilities on a year-round basis.

Recommended by: Elizabeth Muktarian  
Elizabeth Muktarian  
Director  
Div. of Adult and  
Aging Services

Date: 3/23/81

Approved by: Helen D. Beirne  
Helen D. Beirne  
Commissioner  
Dept. of Health and  
Social Services

Date: 3/24/81

POSITION PAPER/Department of Health & Social Services

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. CS for House Resolution No. 1  
 Title Relating to free travel for senior citizens aboard vessels  
 Requested by of the State Marine Highway System Date March 10, 1981

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Health & Social Services  
 Program Category Affected Social & Economic Assistance for the Aged  
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Aging Grants  
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
<b>TOTAL</b>		-0-				

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		-C-				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

Zero Impact

IV. DATE 3-10-81 PREPARED BY Dorothy Walt  
 AGENCY Division of Adult & Aging Services  
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ALL SENIOR CITIZENS - ALASKA PORTS ONLY

	<u>PASSAGE</u>	<u>VEHICLES</u>	<u>FOOD</u>	<u>STATEROOMS</u>
May 15 through September 30:	\$184.4	\$ 91.4	\$35.0	\$29.9
October through May 15:	-0-	\$ 62.1	\$14.9	\$15.4
TOTAL	\$184.4	\$153.5	\$49.9	\$45.3

For a twelve month reduction in revenue of: \$433.1

- II. If this were expanded to the use of the Southern Terminus (either Seattle or Prince Rupert), we could expect an increase in usage of the senior citizen pass procedure to reduce revenues as follows:

ALL SENIOR CITIZENS - ALL PORTS

	<u>PASSAGE</u>	<u>VEHICLES</u>	<u>FOOD</u>	<u>STATEROOMS</u>
May 15 through September:	\$368.7	\$182.8	\$70.0	\$59.7
October through May 15:	\$ 38.2	\$124.1	\$29.9	\$30.7..
TOTAL	\$406.9	\$306.9	\$99.9	\$90.4

For a total of: \$904.1

If expanded to include the Southern Terminus for all senior citizens with no space available limitations, the nationally well-organized senior citizen groups would tend to fill the vessels to the detriment of full-fare paying travelers. Because this plan would increase the average age of the traveling public, it would result in the expansion of service to meet the needs of the older passenger. It is anticipated this could be accomplished by the addition of two Steward personnel on each of the larger vessels, and one each on smaller vessels.

Yearly costs as follows:

M/V's COLUMBIA, MALASPINA, MATANUSKA	2 each	6 X \$31,013 =	\$186,078
M/V's TAKU, LeCONTE, AURORA	1 each	3 X \$31,013 =	\$ 93,038
M/V's TUSTUMENA and BARTLETT	1 each	2 X \$33,575 =	<u>\$ 67,150</u>
		TOTAL	\$346,266

This could be expected to increase ten percent (10%) per year.

- III. If the expansion of the senior citizen pass is intended to apply only to older Alaskans, we could expect a revenue reduction of:

ALASKAN PORTS ONLY - ALASKANS ONLY

	<u>PASSAGE</u>	<u>VEHICLES</u>	<u>FOOD</u>	<u>STATEROOMS</u>
May 15 through September:	\$110.6	\$54.8	\$21.0	\$17.9
Plus months of October through May:	-0-	\$37.2	\$ 9.0	\$ 9.2
TOTAL	\$110.6	\$92.0	\$30.0	\$27.1

For a total revenue reduction of: \$259.7

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