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REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: DOT
 Title: Commending the Alaska Marine Highway for 25 yrs. of service BRU: _____
 Sponsor: Sen. Jones Components: _____
 Requestor: Sen. Transportation Committee

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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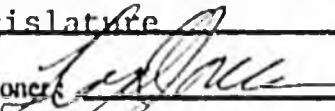
FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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#481/ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM MARKS 25TH YEAR OF SERVICE

January 22, 1988

Juneau--The Alaska Marine Highway System begins capping off a quarter century of operation this month. The first state ferry, the M/V Malaspina, sailed its maiden voyage 25 years ago on January 23, 1963.

To mark the occasion, Governor Steve Cowper is proclaiming a mid-year observance with May as Alaska Marine Highway Month.

In addition, there will be special observances through the year affording Alaskans statewide the opportunity to participate, said Commissioner Mark Hickey of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, which operates the Alaska Marine Highway System.

"It really is a milestone of solid service by a vital public agency when you look back at it," Hickey said. "Along with providing basic transportation, the Marine Highway system is a boon to tourism and a definite plus for other areas of commerce as well.

"And, then, there's the very human side of this. Ferry personnel over the years have assisted in search and rescue efforts,

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medical emergencies, and on-board contingencies large and small, including the delivery of babies and collecting donations for passengers in emergency situations. It all adds up to much more than just operating a ferry system."

Alaska Marine Highway System Director George Davidson said the special year "serves to keep us on our toes. We naturally look back with pride at the record of service behind us, but also with recharged determination to the challenges ahead."

Following the M/V Malaspina's maiden voyage in 1963, the M/V Taku and the M/V Matanuska were added to the fleet that same year.

The ferry system opened to Alaskans and visitors a means of regularly scheduled public transportation connecting the highway system at Prince Rupert, B.C. and Haines, to southeast communities not reachable by land routes.

The system before long, added a lower 48 link to Seattle. It now operates nine vessels, serving southeast, Prince William Sound, Aleutian Chain communities, and southcentral Alaska as well. The system serves 3,500 route miles and carries more than 360,000 passengers and 90,000 vehicles annually, along with freight and other goods of Alaskan commerce.

In total, the system has carried six million passengers and one-and one-half million vehicles since 1963.

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