

SJR

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1997 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SJR 25

Revision Date _____ Dept. Affected _____
 Title Support Access to Denali/Wonder Lake BRU _____
 _____ Component _____
 Sponsor Senator Wilken _____
 Requester Senate Transportation Component Serial No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES []						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
1091 Designated Program Receipts						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY97) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This resolution has no fiscal impact on state departments.

Prepared by Senate Transportation Committee Phone 465-6641
 Division _____ Date _____
 Approved by Senator Jerry Ward, Chairman Date 4/4/97
 Agency _____

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Jerry Ward
Chair, Senate Transportation Committee

FROM: Gary Wilken
Senator, West Fairbanks

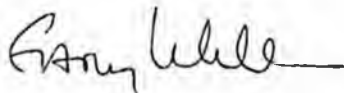
DATE: April 2, 1997

RE: Request for hearing for SJR 25
"Support Access to Denali/Wonder Lake"

Please schedule at your earliest convenience SJR 25 to be heard by the Senate Transportation Committee. SJR 25 calls for the Alaska Legislature's endorsement of a proposed northern access railroad route into Denali National Park. Not only does SJR 25 attempt to improve upon the existing access to the Park, it also encourages the private sector to take advantage of opportunities to build more tourism infrastructure within the state, with minimal impacts on state financial resources.

I have attached a sponsor statement and some backup information for your committee packets. Please let my staff person, Beth Hagevig, know if we can provide any additional information.

Thank you.



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SPONSOR STATEMENT

Senate Joint Resolution 25 "Support Access to Denali/Wonder Lake"

SJR 25 calls for the Alaska Legislature's endorsement of a proposed northern access railroad route into Denali National Park. A new northern railroad route, connecting the Alaska Railroad with Wonder Lake, would not only provide enhanced viewing opportunities for Alaskans, but for visitors to the state as well. This could serve to bolster tourism in Alaska, since the Park, the Mountain and all of the surrounding wild beauty would be accessible on a year-round basis, instead of just the summer months. In addition to improving access into the Park, this proposal would enable the state to encourage and monitor development opportunities involving the private sector, without substantially affecting the state's financial resources.

This proposed northern access route is supported by the National Park Service Advisory Board along with many of the organizations and communities along the existing Alaska Railroad corridor, including but not limited to the Municipality of Anchorage, Fairbanks North Star Borough, the City of North Pole, the City of Nenana, the City of Seward, and the Mantanuska-Susitna Borough.

**ENDORSEMENTS OF
THE DENALI RAILWAY SYSTEM
AND
NORTHERN RAILROAD ACCESS FOR
DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE**

- The Denali Borough - Resolution 93-02 - 2/14/93
- The Alaska State Legislature - HJR 28 - Legislative Resolve No. 19 - 2/08/94
- National Park System Advisory Board - Resolution 12/14/94
- The Fairbanks North Star Borough - Resolution No. 96-035 - 4/11/96
- The City of Nenana - Resolution No. 96-08 - 4/11/96
- The City of Seward - Resolution No 96-053 - 4/22/96
- Interior District Democrats in Convention - 4/13/96
- The City of Fairbanks - Resolution No. 3652 - 4.22.96
- The Matanuska - Susitna Borough - Resolution No. 96-027 - 6/4/96
- The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce - Resolution No. 96-0325.3 - 4/16/96
- The Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau. 7.96
- The Citizen's Advisory Commission on Federal Areas - 11/15/95
- The Alaska Visitors Association - Letter - 5/11/94
- The Fairbanks Building & Construction Trades Council AFL - CIO - Letter - 4/24/96
- The Alaska Miners Association - Letter - 7/7/95
- Access Alaska Inc.- Non-Profit Disability Access Advocates - Letter - 5/11/94
- The Alaska Railroad Corporation - Letter - 11/3/93
- The Associated General Contractors of Alaska - Letter - 1/19/96
- Gil Carmichael: Former U.S. Railroad Administrator in Progressive Railroading - 3.95
- Dr. Bradford Washburn, Famed Mt. McKinley Surveyor/Photographer - Letter - 1/30/96
- City of North Pole - Resolution of Endorsement, N° 96-10, October 7th, 1996
- Municipal Assembly of Anchorage, Resolution of Endorsement, N°96-274, October 7th, 1996
- Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau - Resolution of Endorsement, October 5, 1996

Many other private citizens and companies have also endorsed the DRS Project.