

HCR

3

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: HCR3
() Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DOT&PF
Title: Support Roads/Hot Springs Loop Road BRU: Commissioner's Office
Component: Commissioner's Office
Sponsor: Holm
Requester: HTRA Component No. 530

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
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						
-----------------------------	--	--	--	--	--	--

CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
-------------------------------	--	--	--	--	--	--

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0
Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Dennis R. Poshard Phone 465-3900
Division: Special Assistant to Commissioner Date/Time 1/29/03 3:30 PM
Approved by: Commissioner Mike Barton Date 1/29/2003
Agency: Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

THE
FOLLOWING
DOCUMENT(S)
ARE
POOR
ORIGINAL
COPIES

STATE OF ALASKA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Representative Jim Holm



119 N. Cushman
Fairbanks, AK 99701
TEL 456-7423, FAX 451-9293

State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801
TEL 465-3466, FAX 465-2937

February 6, 2003
House Transportation Committee Hearing

House Concurrent Resolution 3

Relating to economic development generated by new road construction and to the design and construction of the Hot Springs Loop Road to connect Chena Hot Springs and Circle Hot Springs.

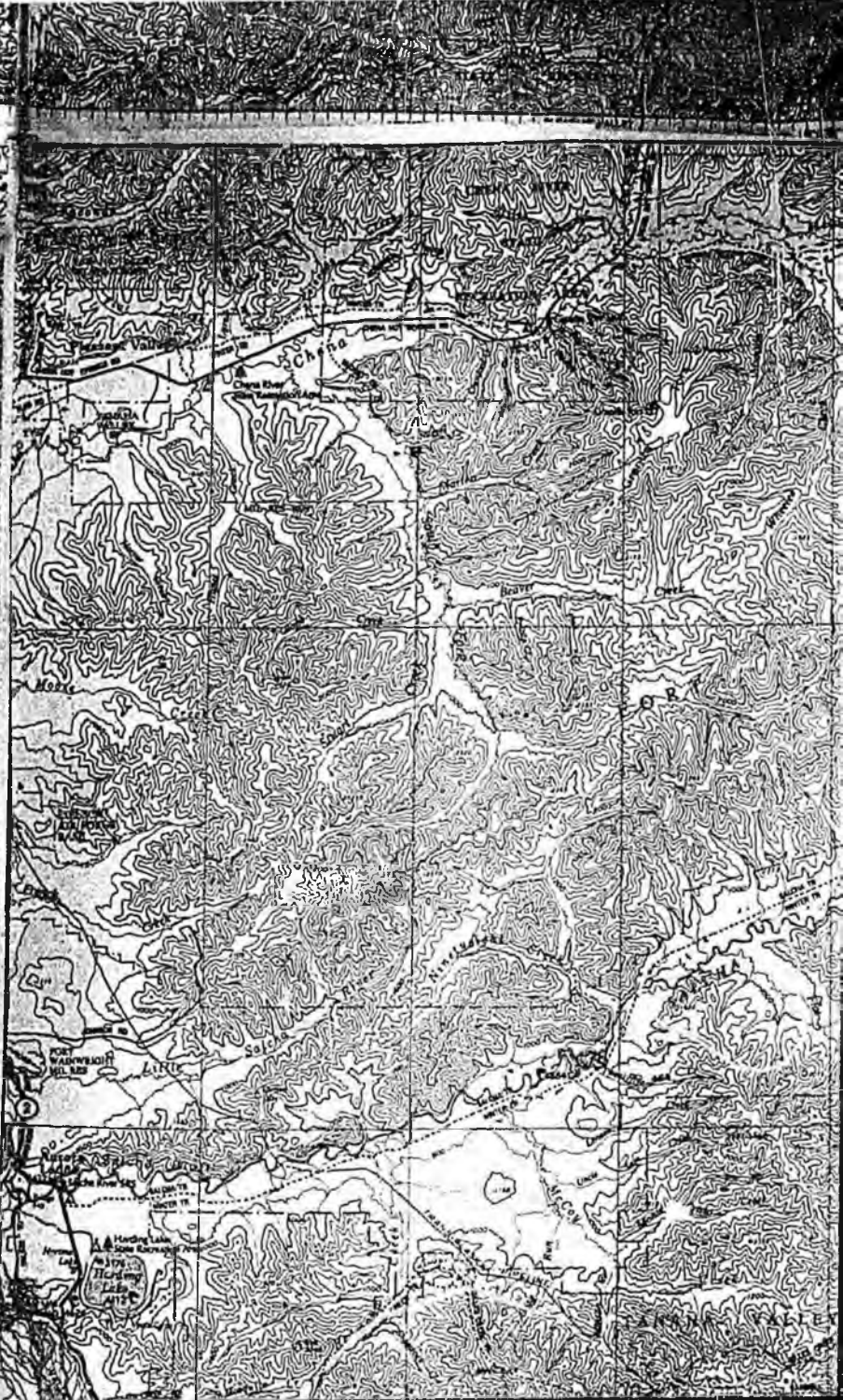
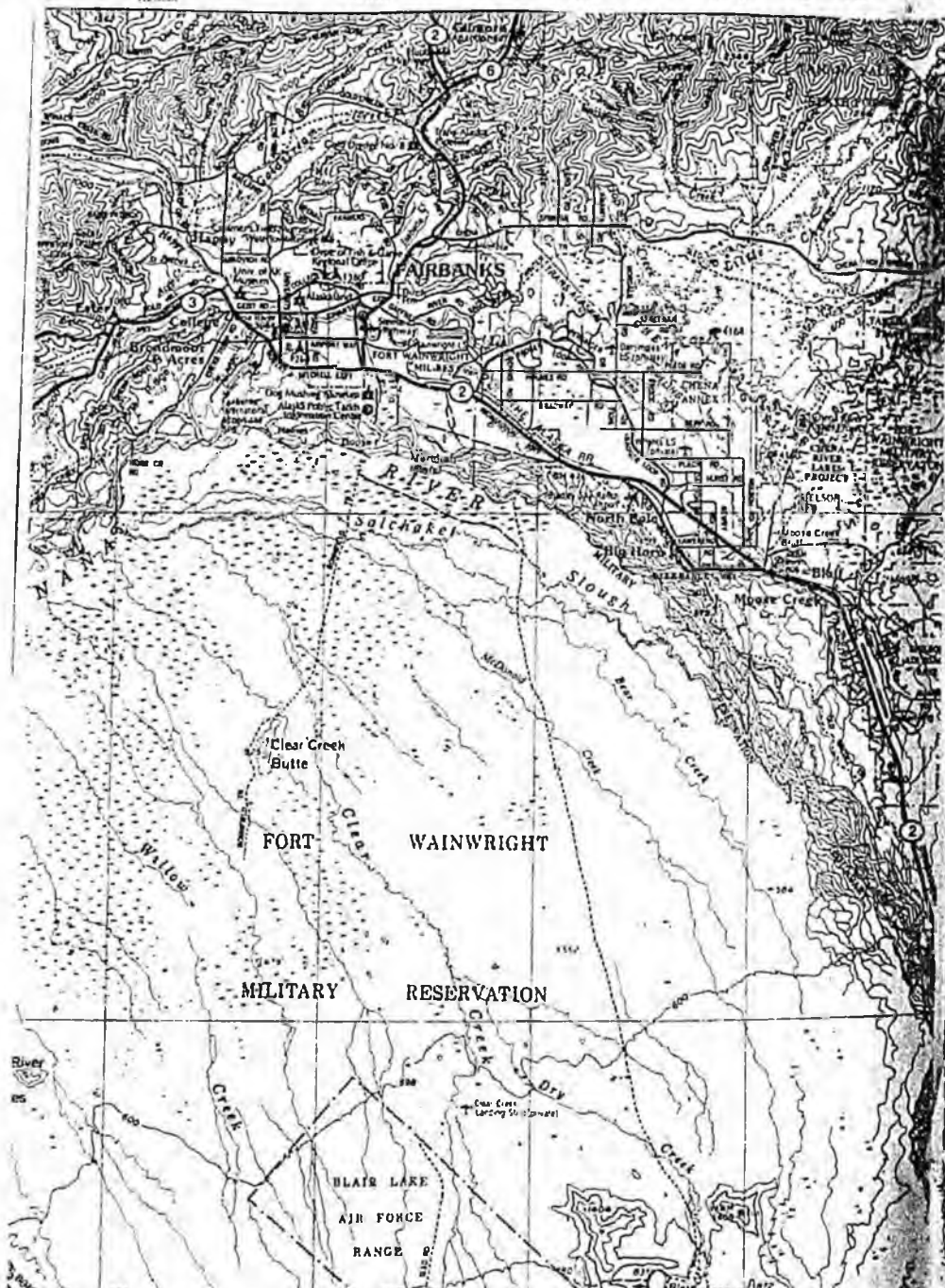
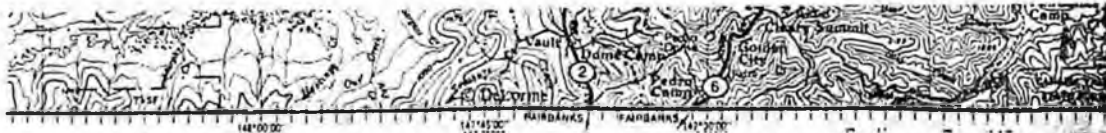
This first committee hearing on HCR 3 is for fact-finding only - to hear opinions and ideas from people who would be affected by construction of a road connecting Chena Hot Springs to Circle Hot Springs.

We do not intend to move the resolution out of committee at this time but merely to present the concept to the public.

There are many worthwhile road construction projects currently under consideration to improve Alaska's highway infrastructure. HCR 3 does not intend to give preference to any one project. Instead it aims to identify and evaluate one project that could significantly improve the quality of life and potential for development in Alaska.

This resolution opens the door and encourages discussion on a "Hot Springs Loop Road" to determine its feasibility, practicality, and benefit for the region.

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT HAS NOT
BEEN FILMED BUT IS AVAILABLE IN THE
ORIGINAL FILE.



HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES HOLM, Fate

Introduced: 1/21/03
Referred: Transportation

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to economic development generated by new road construction and to the design**
2 **and construction of the Hot Springs Loop Road to connect Chena Hot Springs and**
3 **Circle Hot Springs.**

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

5 **WHEREAS** new roads are needed to connect communities with the resources that
6 create the increased potential for commercial, industrial, recreational, and social activities for
7 residents and visitors; and

8 **WHEREAS** new local roads will allow Alaskans to get to local schools and health
9 facilities and to quickly respond to local emergency situations; and

10 **WHEREAS** improving the transportation infrastructure in Alaska is vital to the
11 economic growth and prosperity of the state; and

12 **WHEREAS** Alaska is the largest state in the Union, comprising one-fifth of the total
13 area of the continental United States, yet Alaska has barely 2,000 miles of roadways, less than
14 the state of Vermont; and

15 **WHEREAS** the proposed Hot Springs Loop Road from Chena Hot Springs to Circle

1 Hot Springs will complete a transportation loop connecting Fairbanks and the two resort areas
2 and will open areas of Interior Alaska for residents and visitors to explore, enjoy, and
3 develop; and

4 WHEREAS the Hot Springs Loop Road would connect the Steese Highway with the
5 Chena Hot Springs Road either through or around the Steese National Conservation Area; and

6 WHEREAS the Hot Springs Loop Road will allow residents and tourists an
7 opportunity to drive the scenic loop between Fairbanks and the resort areas at Chena Hot
8 Springs and Circle Hot Springs; and

9 WHEREAS the Hot Springs Loop Road will foster increased outdoor activities, new
10 tourism ventures, and economic growth in Interior Alaska;

11 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes that the economic
12 development activity generated by the construction of new roads is important to the growth
13 and prosperity of the state; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the design and
15 construction of the Hot Springs Loop Road to provide a scenic loop route to connect
16 Fairbanks and the resort areas at Chena Hot Springs and Circle Hot Springs.

also
VIC: Stress OTHER Econ.
benefits such as
Resources - Timber,
Mining, gas -

TCC: Exclude Circle City - Tanana
Chiefs

Senate Concurrent Resolution 1

Sponsor Statement

“Relating to economic development generated by new road construction and to the design and construction of the Hot Springs Loop Road to connect Chena Hot Springs and Circle Hot Springs. “

SCR 1 is submitted to recognize the potential for advancing economic development in Interior Alaska.

New roads are key to the advancement of our State's infrastructure. The opportunities for long-term economic growth presented by extending the Chena Hot Springs Road to Circle Hot Springs via the Steese Highway are intuitive.

Specifically, this resolution addresses the following:

- 1) There is a great deal of tourism activity at both Chena and Circle Hot Springs. Connecting the two sites would spur further tourism activity at both locations, and potentially at new sites established along the way.
- 2) Local residents also frequent these locations, not only to enjoy the hot springs' utilities, but also to access fishing, hunting, camping and hiking locations en route to the irrespective destinations. Extending the road to form a loop would clearly extend and improve access to these Alaskan resources and pastimes.
- 3) The increased traffic along this Loop Road would lend itself to increased commercial and industrial activities, including resource extraction and the entrepreneurial ventures, targeting both local and tourism markets, thus promoting job opportunities and long-term economic growth to the area and to the State.

There are many worthwhile road construction projects currently under consideration to improve Alaska's highway infrastructure. SCR 1 does not intend to give preference to any one project. Instead it aims to identify and evaluate one project that would significantly improve the quality of life and potential for development in Interior Alaska. This resolution is further intended to open the door for and encourage discussion on a Loop Road idea in order to determine its feasibility, practicality, and cost-to-benefit analysis for the region.

Please support the Interior Delegation by passing this forward-thinking resolution.



250 Cushman St., Suite 2D, Fairbanks, AK 99701-4665
phone: (907) 452-1105, fax: (907) 456-6968

e-mail: staff@fairbankschamber.org
website: www.fairbankschamber.org

February 5, 2003

Representative Jim Holm
State Capitol - Room 110
Juneau, AK 99801-1182


Dear Representative Holm:

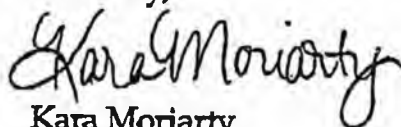
On behalf of the Board of Directors and over 750 business members of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, I would like to offer our wholehearted support for HCR 3, a resolution of support for the construction of new roads to stimulate economic development and for the design and construction of a scenic loop road connecting Chena Hot Springs and Circle Hot Springs.

This fall, the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce met with officials from the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the City of Fairbanks, the City of North Pole, and the Interior Delegation to discuss needed transportation projects for Interior Alaska. These groups agreed upon a list of thirteen projects consisting of long-term conceptual plans for transportation infrastructure and needed upgrade and maintenance projects.

Of those projects, a loop road between Chena Hot Spring Road and Circle Hot Springs was listed as an identified project that would have long-term benefits for Interior Alaska. The proposed loop road would further enhance the tourism market to Chena and Circle Hot Springs, as well as attract more tourists in the winter for viewing of the aurora borealis.

Thank you for sponsoring HCR 3. We strongly encourage the passage of this resolution. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 907-452-1105.

Sincerely,



Kara Moriarty
President/CEO



250 Cushman Street, Suite 2D
 Fairbanks, AK 99701-4665
 Phone: 907-452-1105
 Fax: 907-456-6968
 e-mail: staff@fairbankschamber.org
 website: www.fairbankschamber.org

Fax

To: Jim/Barbara

From: Kara

Fax: 465-2937

Pages: 2

Phone:

Date: 2/6/03

Re:

CC:

● Comments:

Jim's

Here you go!



Kara

- Benefactors
- Alaska Airlines
- Alaska Communications Systems
- Alaska Railroad
- Alaska USA Federal Credit Union
- Alaska Pipeline Service Company
- AT&T Alaska
- BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.
- CTG
- Denali State Bank
- Design Alaska
- Fairbanks Building & Construction Trades Council "The Unions"
- Fairbanks Natural Gas, LLC
- Fairbanks Urgent Care Center
- First National Bank of Anchorage
- Howline Alaska
- Fort Knox Mine
- GCI
- Golden Heart Utilities
- Golden Valley Electric Association
- Guardian Flight
- Key Bank of Alaska
- Military and Civilian Federal Credit Union
- Mt. McKinley Bank
- North Star Computing
- Northrim Bank
- ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
- Santina's Flowers & Gifts
- Tanana Valley Clinic
- Third Sector Technologies
- Totem Ocean Trailer Express
- University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Urbelli Coal Mine
- WebWeavers, LLC
- Wells Fargo
- Wendy's
- Westmark Fairbanks Hotel & Conference Center
- Williams Alaska Petroleum