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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

Requesting a feasibility study looking toward resolution of the sea transport problem in the Alaska Peninsula, Bering Sea and Arctic Ocean areas of Alaska.

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

WHEREAS the communities along the Alaska Peninsula, Bering Sea and Arctic Ocean coasts are dependent on one commercial and one government-owned surface carrier for the importation of their basic needs; and

WHEREAS water transportation to this area by commercial carriers is of a marginal nature; and

WHEREAS the services of the commercial carriers are duplicated to a great extent by the transport services of the Bureau of Indian Affairs vessel "North Star"; and

WHEREAS this duplicating of service in a marginal market area is an uneconomical and inefficient operation which is detrimental to private business, the government and the communities served;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully urged to appoint a special study commission consisting of the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Economic Development, the Commissioner of Commerce and the Transportation Commission to examine the problem, consult with appropriate federal and commercial carrier officials involved in the Alaska Peninsula and Bering Sea trade, and recommend to all parties concerned and the Legislature within one year a course of action, including consideration of a possible subsidy and possible merger.