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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48

Relating to highway safety checkpoints during extremely cold weather.

BE IT RESOLVED

BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS open stretches of the Alaska highway system are hazardous to travel during extremely cold weather due to automobile and human design which are not always suited to cope with the cold; and

WHEREAS it would be a relatively inexpensive and much-needed innovation to have radio contact checkpoints along these open stretches of highway during extremely cold weather; and

WHEREAS the traveling public's safety would be greatly enhanced by having a system of check-in-check-out points along the highways so that if a vehicle does not reach a given check-in station within a reasonable time after passing the last one, a vehicle can be dispatched immediately to cover the distance between the two points to determine the problem; and

WHEREAS immediate action is often necessary to avoid serious disaster when extremely cold temperatures are involved; and

WHEREAS, at a minimum of expense, it should be possible to implement a checkpoint system by maximum utilization of existing public and private facilities;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh Alaska Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Highways and Public Safety to implement a check-in-check-out system on open stretches of the Alaska highway system during extremely cold weather.