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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

Requesting a feasibility study of the construction of a road from Sitka to Warm Springs Bay.

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

WHEREAS at a recent meeting of the Southeast Conference, an organization consisting of municipal governments and chambers of commerce representing every community in Southeast Alaska, the members of the conference unanimously endorsed either a Sitka-Warm Springs Bay road or a Sitka-Rodman Bay road as the number one priority road needed in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS either road would be of great benefit to Sitka, to Southeast Alaska, and to the state as a whole because each would considerably shorten the ferry run to Sitka and thus free the ferry for improved service to other communities in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, by eliminating the necessity of navigating the treacherous Peril Strait passage and by providing for surface transportation from either road terminus, the Sitka area would acquire increased trade and commerce to the economic betterment of all its citizens; and

WHEREAS either route would give Sitka an additional tourist attraction because of the spectacular and scenic country through which either road would pass; and

WHEREAS a study has already been performed as to the feasibility of a Sitka-Rodman Bay road;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Eighth Alaska Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to direct the Department of Highways

to begin conducting, as soon as possible, an engineering study of a Sitka-Warm Springs Bay road to determine the most feasible route.