



# Alaska State Legislature

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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Relating to the paving of the Hope Road.

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

WHEREAS the Village of Hope, located on the Kenai Peninsula, was founded in 1896 and has been continuously inhabited since that date; and

WHEREAS the village is in sight of Anchorage, but is a 90-mile drive from that city, connected to the Seward Highway by a 17-mile gravel spur road that was rebuilt to federal specifications before the 1964 earthquake; and

WHEREAS there has been a rapid growth of tourist activity lured by the completion of U. S. Forest Service campgrounds in the vicinity, and the construction of more than 20 new summer homes in the past three years; and

WHEREAS it is evident from the pall of dust that rises from the present Hope Road, visible across Turnagain Arm from the Seward Highway near Indian, that several hundred vehicles use this unpaved road daily in the summer months; and

WHEREAS the severe dust conditions on the road, especially during the tourist season, subject Hope area residents to serious health hazards; and

WHEREAS the cost of maintenance to the state has risen significantly due to the increase in traffic, and area residents also suffer added automobile depreciation and tire maintenance costs due to the adverse condition of the road--costs that would be reduced significantly by paving of the road; and

WHEREAS, almost one thousand Alaska residents have petitioned for its paving;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Highways to pave or slurry seal the Hope Road from its junction with the Seward Highway to the Village of Hope as a high priority during the 1974 construction season.