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Relating to cost benefit analyses of rail lines.

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

WHEREAS it is essential that transportation links be developed if Alaska, and especially interior Alaska, is ever to attain its full potential; and

WHEREAS, traditionally, railroad systems have been in the forefront of the development of new territories, no matter where they have existed in the world; and

WHEREAS construction of a railroad line from Fairbanks to Ladue Valley, through Big Delta, Tok, and 40 Mile, would open a vast new area to mineral exploitation; and

WHEREAS construction of such a rail line would advance realization of the ultimate goal of a rail linkup with the Canadian rail system; and

WHEREAS aerial surveys have been conducted of the proposed route, but up-to-date estimates of the cost of construction of the line are needed;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Legislative Council conduct

(1) a cost benefit analysis of a proposal to construct a rail line from Fairbanks to the Canadian border; and

(2) a cost benefit analysis of any other Alaska rail line construction which may be proposed by the Legislative Council; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council report the

results of the analyses to the First Session of the Twelfth Legislature within 10 days of the date it convenes.