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Relating to federal funding for development of the airport at Saint Paul, Alaska.

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

WHEREAS title to the airport at Saint Paul, Alaska, was transferred to the State of Alaska under the terms of the Fur Seal Act Amendments of 1983 (P.L. 98-129) and a Transfer of Property Agreement entered into February 11, 1984; and

WHEREAS the local Native corporation agreed to lease or sell land needed for expansion of the airport, and state and federal agencies have committed themselves to take the steps necessary to implement the Transfer of Property Agreement; and

WHEREAS the economic well-being of Saint Paul, Alaska, is largely dependent upon the rapidly growing crab, surimi, and bottomfish industry; and

WHEREAS the Saint Paul airport facility provides the only year-round access to and from the community; and

WHEREAS the Saint Paul airport facility is critical to ensuring that the community's commercial and social ties with the state and nation are maintained; and

WHEREAS the Saint Paul airport is classified as a nonprimary commercial service airport under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP); and

WHEREAS nonprimary airports are only eligible to receive AIP discretionary funding and limited State of Alaska primary entitlement funding; and

WHEREAS AIP discretionary funding has not been available for the Saint Paul airport due to the low priority assigned to devel-

opment of the airport; and

WHEREAS the annual level of primary entitlement funding is generally not sufficient to accommodate the improvement needs at state primary airports and is not sufficient to accommodate the needs of the Saint Paul airport; and

WHEREAS the Airport Improvement Program identifies specific set-aside discretionary funding for nonprimary airports and safety improvement projects;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, to allocate a level of discretionary funding to the State of Alaska that will allow for the development of the Saint Paul airport.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Samuel K. Skinner, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation; the Honorable Admiral James B. Busey, U.S.N. (Ret.), Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.