



Alaska State Legislature

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Fact Sheet for: Senate Resolution 2

Short Title: EAST LYNN CANAL HIGHWAY

Summary:

- Supports the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities' efforts to improve transportation to and from Juneau, and to build the East Lynn Canal Road.

Benefits:

- Voices the senate's support for the administration's plan to build a road connecting Juneau to the continental highway system.
- Creates the lowest cost route for travelers to reach Juneau.
- Frees up state ferries to provide more service to other Southeast communities.
- Opens up the Lynn Canal region to tourism and recreational opportunities.
- Provides the lowest maintenance and operational costs of all the alternatives under consideration.
- Creates an additional emergency evacuation route for Juneau.

Background:

- Juneau is the largest city, and the only state capital in the United States not connected to the continental highway system. The Murkowski administration is examining several alternatives to improving transportation to and from Juneau. SR 2 expresses the Alaska State Senate's support for the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities' efforts to build the East Lynn Canal Road. This road provides numerous benefits to the people of Juneau and to all Alaskans. Copies of SR 2 will be sent to Alaska's congressional delegation, Governor Frank Murkowski and DOT Commissioner Mike Barton.