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Clementson, Sullivan, Tesche, Traini, Tremaine,
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Prepared by: Department of Assembly

For reading: February 12, 2002

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2002-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING CS FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 298 (L&C), "AN ACT RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE ALASKA
RAILROAD CORPORATION TO LEASE LAND FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO 55 YEARS"

WHEREAS, HB 298, introduced by Representative Murkowski, and CS HB 298 (L&C)
sponsored by Representatives Murkowski and Mulder, will extend the length of time the Alaska
Railroad Corporation (ARRC) can lease lands within its Anchorage, Fairbanks, Seward, and Healy
terminal reserves the time from 35 years to 55 years; and

WHEREAS, this change will assist in cultivating economic development in communities
along the Railbelt by making commercial and residential development on Alaska Railroad lands
more workable; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with extending the lease period from 35 to 55 years, the ARRC
will continue to reserve the right to terminate the lease in the event the land is needed for railroad
purposes; and

WHEREAS, although the current 35 year lease is adequate for most of AARC's tenants, it
is an obstacle in leasing lands to large commercial and residential developers who need to secure
long-term financing for their investments; and

WHEREAS, financial lenders are reluctant to invest in large-scale projects requiring
substantial equity participation when there is no guarantee the land will be available beyond 35
years; and

WHEREAS, this proposed extension is supported by many businesses, Northrim Bank,
AIDEA, the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, and the City of
Seward.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

Section 1: That this body supports and urges passage of CS for House Bill No. 298 (L&C)
which authorizes the Alaska Railroad Corporation to lease land for a period of up to 55 years.

Section 2: That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor and the Alaska State
Legislature immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 12 day of February
2002.

Chair

ATTEST

Municipal Clerk

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 298(L&C)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/6/02

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MURKOWSKI, Mulder

A BILL
FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to authorizing the Alaska Railroad Corporation to lease land for a
2 **period of up to 55 years."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 42.40.285 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 42.40.285. Legislative approval required.** Unless the legislature
6 approves the action by law, the corporation may not

7 (1) exchange, donate, sell, or otherwise convey its entire interest in
8 land;

9 (2) issue bonds;

10 (3) extend railroad lines; this paragraph does not apply to a spur,
industrial, team, switching, or side track;

12 (4) lease land for a period in excess of 55 [35] years unless the
13 corporation reserves the right to terminate the lease if the land is needed for railroad
14 purposes;

2 (5) apply for or accept a grant of federal land within a municipality;
3 before approving an action under this paragraph, the legislature must determine that
4 the federal land is required for essential railroad purposes; this paragraph does not
5 apply to the application for or acceptance of a grant of federal land associated with

6 (A) the Anchorage-Wasilla line change project on Elmendorf
7 Air Force Base and Fort Richardson;

8 (B) the Fairbanks intermodal rail yard expansion project;

9 (C) a conveyance of rail properties of the Alaska Railroad
10 under the original Alaska Railroad Transfer Act of 1982 as set out in Title VI,
11 P.L. 97-468; in this subparagraph, "rail properties of the Alaska Railroad" has
the meaning given in 45 U.S.C. 1202(10).

Municipality of Anchorage
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Agenda Document Control Sheet

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1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT	DATE PREPARED	
		12-Feb-02	
		Indicate Documents Attached <input type="checkbox"/> AO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AR <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM	
2	DEPARTMENT NAME Assembly	DIRECTOR'S NAME Greg Moyer	
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY Elvi Gray-Jackson	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER 343-4751	
4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS	DATE
	Mayor		
	Heritage Land Bank		
	Merrill Field Airport		
	Municipal Light & Power		
	Port of Anchorage		
	Solid Waste Services		
	Water & Wastewater Utility		
	Municipal Manager		
	Cultural & Recreational Services		
	Employee Relations		
	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer		
	Fire		
	Health & Human Services		
	Office of Management and Budget		
	Management Information Services		
	Police		
	Planning, Development & Public Works		
	Development Services		
	Facility Management		
	Planning		
	Project Management & Engineering		
	Street Maintenance		
	Traffic		
	Public Transportation Department		
	Purchasing		
	Municipal Attorney		
	Municipal Clerk		
	Other		
5	Special Instructions/Comments <i>Adviser</i> <i>96.8. Action</i>		
6	ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED <i>2/12/02</i>	7	PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED <i>—</i>

