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CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1()

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES SEATON, Olson, Gruenberg

A RESOLUTION

Encouraging the voluntary installation of fire sprinkler systems in residences.

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

WHEREAS statistics show that the state suffers many fatalities along with millions of dollars of property loss because of residential structure fires, with the statistics climbing each year; and

WHEREAS national studies by the United States Fire Administration indicate that the installation of residential fire sprinkler systems could have saved thousands of lives, prevented injuries, and eliminated hundreds of millions of dollars in property losses; and

WHEREAS establishing a program to encourage voluntary installation of residential fire sprinkler systems is likely to reduce the incidence of fire and should be reflected in insurance rates for residences where fire sprinkler systems are installed; and

WHEREAS the state fire marshal plans to establish a model program to recognize that installing residential fire sprinkler systems reduces fire hazard and to rate residences based on sprinkler system coverage using platinum, gold, and silver stars to recognize various levels of sprinkler coverage; and

WHEREAS installing fire sprinkler systems covering identified residential ignition

1 sources will reduce the incidence of residential fires in rural and suburban areas of the state;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS** a plumber can install sprinkler systems covering identified ignition
4 sources and can verify the existence of residential fire sprinkler systems to the state fire
5 marshal; and

6 **WHEREAS** the installation of residential fire sprinkler systems will help reduce the
7 burden on local fire departments and local fire service areas; and

8 **WHEREAS** the installation of residential fire sprinkler systems will provide added
9 protection for the state's most vulnerable residents: children, senior citizens, and persons with
10 disabilities;

11 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the state fire
12 marshal to formalize the model residential fire sprinkler system program as a voluntary
13 statewide program; and be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the insurance
15 industry to recognize the benefits of increased fire protection by lowering insurance rates
16 based on the statewide residential safety star program implemented by the state fire marshal;
17 and be it

18 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the division of
19 insurance to recognize incentives for homeowners that encourage the voluntary installation of
20 residential fire sprinkler systems to help reduce the incidence of residential fires in the state;
21 and be it

22 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the
23 Department of Labor and Workforce Development, working with the state fire marshal and
24 other groups, to train and certify plumbers and others to install or certify residential fire
25 sprinkler systems.