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Sponsor Statement **HB 352 – Resource Education**

“An Act relating to public school curriculum and textbook restrictions based on science, resource development, and sustained yield principles.”

Alaska State Constitution **Section 2. General Authority**

“The legislature shall provide for the utilization, development, and conservation of all natural resources belonging to the State, including land and waters, for the maximum benefit of its people”.

Like many other states, Alaska has educators who come from various backgrounds who may be unfamiliar with Alaska’s constitutional directives regarding State resources. The purpose of this bill is to clearly state that the curriculum in local schools supports the intent of the Constitution.

Educational materials must give parity to the viewpoint of use and development as well as conservation of all natural resources. Educational materials should recognize that the economic well-being of the State is totally dependent upon careful, sustainable resource development.