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Explanation of Changes

House Bill 349 – Hearing Establish Drilling Units/Spacing

- Deletes "the correlative rights of lessees in a pool" in AS 31.05.100(a) and replaces with "correlative rights." This change is helpful because AS 31.05.170 defines correlative rights and this definition is more comprehensive than just lessees in a pool. Also, because the definition exists in statute, the description of who correlative rights applies to is duplicative and unnecessary in AS 31.05.100(a).
- Inserts a new section (f) to better protect correlative rights in light of the changes made by the underlying bill. The goal of this language is to ensure protection of correlative rights is unchanged with the passage of this bill.