

REPRESENTATIVE WILL STAPP

HOUSE DISTRICT 32 — EAST FAIRBANKS/FORT WAINWRIGHT/ BADGER ROAD



Sponsor Statement

House Joint Resolution 11

“Urging the Department of Environmental Conservation to develop an economically and legally defeasible state implementation plan for Fairbanks North Star Borough nonattainment area”

In May 2017, the United States Environmental Protection Agency reclassified the Fairbanks North Star Borough nonattainment area from moderate to serious for particulate matter 2.5 (PM_{2.5}). The Environmental Protection Agency seems intent on turning attentions toward so-called greener sources of heat, including electric heat pumps that will not work as solutions in the Fairbanks North Star Borough

HJR 11 urges the United States Environmental Protection Agency to develop a woodstove certification program that the state, Department of Environmental Conservation and residents of the Fairbanks North Star Borough nonattainment area can rely on and acknowledges the unique challenges Alaskans face in economically and technically feasible and is legally defensible.