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Sponsor Statement *Senate Concurrent Resolution 1*

With passage of SCR1 the legislature would call on the Governor to establish a state food resource development working group, with the primary goal of producing more locally grown and harvested food items to be consumed in Alaska, by Alaskans.

In addition, the resolution calls on the Governor to direct multiple agencies within his administration to work closely with the working group and the independent Food Policy Council to increase the production and consumption of local food items in Alaska.

Whether it be agricultural products, seafood or locally produced meat, increased local food products will lead to a healthier Alaska and enhance the economy of the entire state.

Given Alaska's remote location, far at the end of the food supply chain, it is crucial to maintain a robust, strong and sustainable source of locally grown and nutritious foods.

In addition to creating the working group, this resolution calls on the Governor to request the departments of his administration to work closely with the farmers, fisherman, cattle ranchers and shellfish growers to produce more locally grown food products for local markets.