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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

Relating to the preservation of the polar bear in Alaska.

BE IT RESOLVED

BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the hunting and photographing of polar bear is a major attraction for many Alaskans and visitors to Alaska; and

WHEREAS the hunting of polar bear by airplanes, snow vehicles, and land motor vehicles and the establishing and supplying of camps by these means constitutes a serious threat to the continued existence of the polar bear; and

WHEREAS the financial resources of many guides make it impossible for them to own and operate aircraft and to compete with more wealthy guides in the hunting of polar bear; and

WHEREAS the interest in breeding of sled dogs and the manufacture of dog sleds is increasing not only in Alaska but in other states as well; and

WHEREAS making it illegal to hunt polar bear by means other than dog-drawn sleds would preserve the animal, make it possible for guides of all races and economic status to compete on an equal basis, and encourage sled dog breeding and the design and construction of dog sleds;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Fish and Game to prepare a report outlining the approaches used by other nations in preserving polar bear, and gathering the opinions of registered guides on this problem, and determining what effect the prohibition of the use of aircraft, snow and land vehicles in the hunting of polar