



# Alaska State Legislature

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39

Relating to the institution of a bush tourism program.

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**BE IT RESOLVED**

**BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

WHEREAS, in the years since Alaska attained statehood, tourism has become one of the fastest growing, most significant industries in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, as an industry, tourism is "labor intensive" and has the capacity to hire more persons with limited skills than most other fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, in those Alaska communities where tourism has flourished and grown, there has, indeed, developed significant employment opportunities for large numbers of Alaskans who might otherwise not have had jobs; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska is currently planning boarding school dormitory and housing facilities in a number of rural Alaska communities which do not currently enjoy the benefits of tourism; and

WHEREAS many Alaska visitors are known to be desirous of "getting off the beaten path" and enjoying the pleasures of rural Alaska; and

WHEREAS, with proper planning, a number of these facilities might well be developable as overnight accommodations for Alaska summer visitors who would then spend time and dollars in these communities;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Governor

is respectfully requested to delegate a committee to be comprised of the Commissioners of Economic Development, Public Works, and Education to conduct a feasibility study with the objective of designating one or more rural communities for a pilot "bush tourism" program, the prime priorities of the program to be maximum participation by local residents in the management, employment, and financial rewards of such an arrangement and maximum possible participation by local residents of associated activities such as sightseeing, entertainment, and sale of products and services; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the study, including the designation of one or more suggested pilot projects, along with appropriate enabling legislation, if needed, be presented to the Seventh Legislature, Second Session.