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Relating to the development of a comprehensive state energy policy.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the President of the United States has recently directed attention to the critical problems involving the conservation, production and development of energy resources of the nation, offering for the consideration of Congress and the American people a Comprehensive National Energy Policy Plan; and

WHEREAS, with its reserves of oil, gas and coal, abundant tidal and hydroelectric sources, and unique opportunity to utilize other renewable energy factors such as wind, solar, and geothermal power, the State of Alaska enjoys a preeminent position as a supplier of a major portion of the nation's energy resources through the next decades and an unparalleled opportunity similarly to develop and implement a realistic state energy program to meet future residential, commercial, transportation and other demands; and

WHEREAS increasing domestic energy demands, coupled with rising production and processing costs and transportation requirements and expenses, severely burden Alaskans and hence require the development of a comprehensive energy policy to meet the needs of the people of the state; and

WHEREAS the development of a comprehensive state energy policy should involve the executive and legislative branches of government on a cooperative basis, with opportunity for public participation and comment, in a forum which will examine alternative courses and lay the groundwork for subsequent action;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that there is established a State Energy Policy Committee composed of the following members to identify the problems and initiate solu-

tions with respect to the development of a viable state energy policy:

- (1) three members of the Senate appointed by the president;
- (2) three members of the House appointed by the speaker;
- (3) the commissioner of commerce and economic development or his designee;
- (4) the commissioner of natural resources or his designee;
- (5) four members appointed by the governor, one of whom shall represent each of the following public interests: consumer concerns, conservation interests, public utilities, and the state's nonrenewable energy resource industry; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee established by this resolution shall, through a process which examines in detail the individual efforts to develop Alaska's domestic energy resources, including the protection and development of the state's nonrenewable resource reserves, and only after opportunity for public participation, make a preliminary report not later than January 1, 1978, and a final report not later than January 1, 1979, to the governor and the Legislative Council on its recommendations with respect to development of a comprehensive state energy policy, including but not limited to, coordination of state plans and programs with the national effort, the timely and proper development of additional nonrenewable resources and their transportation and delivery to the markets of the state and nation, the effects of state and federal energy regulatory functions and pricing, and the development of alternative renewable energy resources on a regional or community basis especially in rural areas of Alaska, and that the committee's report formulate guidelines and suggest the means by which to marshal additional resources to maintain a continuing energy planning and development program; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee may proceed in its work through the establishment of one or more subcommittees; that, with the consent of the governor, it may apply for federal, state and private financial assistance to undertake and complete its work; and that the committee may extend an invitation to representatives of any agency of the federal government concerned with energy planning and development to serve as ex officio members of the committee.