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Relating to the establishment of an Environmental Protection Agency regional office in Alaska.

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

WHEREAS the state is dramatically affected on occasion by the actions and decisions of the Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS the environment of the State of Alaska is distinct from that of the other states in the Pacific Northwest that comprise Region X of the Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS the physical size of the State of Alaska is far larger than most geographic areas served by the other regional offices in the Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS the citizens of the State of Alaska would directly benefit from closer access to a regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS an Environmental Protection Agency office located in the State of Alaska would undoubtedly have a better understanding of the particular environmental problems affecting the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Anchorage and Fairbanks municipal governments have been struggling to clean up the air in an efficient manner; and

WHEREAS miners are struggling throughout the State of Alaska to convince the Environmental Protection Agency that their wastewater discharge rules are technically impossible to carry out and if these rules are enforced, almost all placer miners will be forced to abandon their livelihood; and

WHEREAS the pulp mills in Southeast Alaska have been struggling for years to fully comply with the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS it is beneficial for federal officials who make decisions affecting the state to be located in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS an Alaska-based regional administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency will have both the knowledge and authority to make decisions tailored to meet the State of Alaska's unique requirements; and

WHEREAS a regional office in Alaska will protect the environment of the State of Alaska and will ensure that the beauty of its land is maintained;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a regional office in the State of Alaska.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to William D. Ruckelshaus, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.