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Relating to abandoned vessels on the beaches of Alaska.

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

WHEREAS many abandoned vessels, including merchant vessels, fishing vessels, and other vessels, are grounded on the coast of Alaska; and

WHEREAS abandoned vessels are an environmental hazard and are aesthetically unpleasing; and

WHEREAS the state does not have the resources to salvage or dispose of abandoned vessels; and

WHEREAS the state does not currently have statutory authority to impose liability on the owners of abandoned vessels for the cost of salvaging or demolishing abandoned vessels; and

WHEREAS communities are not compensated for the aesthetic and physical trespass resulting from abandoned vessels;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is respectfully requested to assess the problems posed by abandoned vessels and to make appropriate recommendations to the First Session of the Seventeenth Alaska State Legislature for legislation necessary to remedy existing problems and prevent future problems.