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Endorsing passage of S. 506 and H.R. 1580, measures making responsible changes in the Mining Law of 1872.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS more than 60 percent of land in the state is federal land; and

WHEREAS most of this federal land is not currently open to mineral entry; and

WHEREAS much of the federal land in the state, including, for example, the location of the Greens Creek Mine on federal land within the Tongass National Forest, is of high mineral potential; and

WHEREAS orderly and responsible exploration and development of mineral resources on federal land within the state can do much to diversify and strengthen the state's economy; and

WHEREAS a significant amount of exploration and development of federal mineral land will take place in rural parts of the state, providing much needed jobs and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, as the mining industry evolves, changes in the industry's legal underpinnings should be made, reflecting that applicable law remains cognizant of the industry's technological improvements;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate urges the governor, the Alaska

Congressional delegation, and the Western Governors' Association to support S. 506 and H.R. 1580, measures proposing responsible changes in the Mining Law of 1872.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the members of the Western Governors' Association 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.