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BY MR. ERWIN

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.15

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the standards of

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building materials used in federal

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housing projects.

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

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SECOND LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED:

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WHEREAS, the Federal Housing Administration promulgates rules

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and regulations governing the standards of building materials

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used in federal projects; and

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WHEREAS, Federal Housing Administration Memorandum No. 17.77

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requires that all lumber used in housing projects have a recog-

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nized Lumber Associates Grading Stamp; and

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WHEREAS, in the past Alaska has been exempt from this regu-

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lation because Alaska is without a lumber grading association;

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WHEREAS, all recognized lumber grading associations in the

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Pacific Northwest refuse to include Alaska because of cost and

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other factors; and

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WHEREAS, the regulation discriminates against Alaska's small

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sawmill owners by restricting their markets and forcing them to

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close their businesses;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in

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Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Federal

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Housing Administration is urged to remove this discriminatory

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ruling and restore the previous exemption in order that fair com-

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petitive markets may be available to all lumber producers; and

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FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency; Commissioner, Federal Housing Administration; and the Alaska delegation in Congress.