

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the upgrading of the
6 state assay office at Fairbanks.

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

8 WHEREAS since the time of purchase the major part of Alaska's
9 economy has been based on development of the state's natural re-
10 sources; and

11 WHEREAS one of Alaska's major natural resources which has
12 contributed substantially to the economy is the state's vast
13 mineral resources; and

14 WHEREAS mineral resource development has only just begun and
15 this potential is so vast that many years of exhaustive exploration
16 will be required to fully locate and identify this potential; and

17 WHEREAS any aid that can be offered to persons participating
18 in this exploration will assist in the sound economic development
19 of Alaska; and

20 WHEREAS the extent of activity in mineral exploration can
21 logically be gauged by the work of the state assay offices; and

22 WHEREAS an assay office close to the source of mineral ex-
23 ploration can best serve the overall long-range economic develop-
24 ment of this activity and of the state; and

25 WHEREAS history has proven that the activity of the assay
26 office in the Fourth Judicial District at Fairbanks has been
27 substantially greater than any other office in the state, a fact
28 which indicates that this office serves the most active area of
29 mineral development;

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1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Natural Resources is
2 urged to upgrade the assay office in Fairbanks in order that this
3 office can provide prompt and complete assay service to the mineral
4 development industry, and to maintain this office permanently at
5 such capacity that the earliest development of Alaska's vast
6 natural mineral resources can be accomplished.

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