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Referred: Rules

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a review of expired
6 grazing leases on Kodiak Island.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

8 WHEREAS approximately two-thirds of the Kodiak Island land
9 area is located within a federal refuge for Kodiak bear; and

10 WHEREAS a major portion of the remaining one-third land area
11 is under lease by the federal government to individuals for
12 cattle grazing purposes; and

13 WHEREAS the U. S. Bureau of Land Management has indicated
14 an intention to withdraw from management of the aforementioned
15 grazing leases in the near future and transfer this responsibility
16 to the state Division of Lands; and

17 WHEREAS land available on Kodiak Island for recreation,
18 homesteading and other beneficial uses of a private and public
19 nature is extremely limited;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested
21 to direct the state Division of Lands that, upon being vested
22 with the responsibility of management of grazing leases on Kodiak
23 Island, the Division hold public hearings prior to any renewal of
24 such leases, in order to determine the highest and best use of
25 the public domain embraced by the leases.

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