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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the trade of 1,000 acres of  
6 mental health land in the Sitka elimination  
7 for an equivalent number of acres of general  
8 grant land.

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

10 WHEREAS it is universally recognized that the ownership of land con-  
11 tributes to the comfort and stability of the inhabitants of nations and  
12 states; and

13 WHEREAS the economy and growth of a community is related to the avail-  
14 ability of land; and

15 WHEREAS private ownership of land for industry and habitation has long  
16 been a factor in our American heritage; and

17 WHEREAS there are millions of acres of public land in Alaska which are  
18 uninhabited; and

19 WHEREAS Sitka is totally surrounded by uninhabited public land of the  
20 Tongass National Forest and strangled by mental health land; and

21 WHEREAS the past policy of the division of lands has been to lease  
22 mental health lands and to sell only small amounts; and

23 WHEREAS the effect of this policy has been to highly inflate land  
24 prices and discourage residential and industrial development in the Sitka  
25 area; and

26 WHEREAS this lack of developed land adversely affects the tax base;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS the borough is not eligible to select mental health land for  
29 any purpose and the problem has grown steadily more acute over the last five

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1 years;

2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the governor is respectfully requested to direct  
3 the Department of Natural Resources and the division of lands to take im-  
4 mediate action to trade 1,000 acres of mental health land in the Sitka  
5 elimination for an equivalent number of acres of general grant land.  
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