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Judiciary

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

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 a minimum of 1,000 acres of mental health land in
5 the Sitka elimination for an equivalent number of acres of general grant
6 land.

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