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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a study on the uses of
6 musk oxen.

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

8 WHEREAS the Legislature passed Senate Bill No. 185 indicating its
9 approval of the hunting of musk oxen; and

10 WHEREAS the Governor vetoed this bill because it was seen as detrimental
11 to the domestication programs underway at College, Alaska, and on Nunivak
12 Island, Alaska; and

13 WHEREAS this animal is an attraction for tourists and has great poten-
14 tial as a meat producer and wool producer; and

15 WHEREAS the musk oxen's potential commercial uses seem to offer a way
16 of expanding the economic base in rural, poverty-ridden areas; and

17 WHEREAS the musk oxen have been in the state almost 40 years without
18 any significant contribution to the state's rural economy or any noticeable
19 realization of their economic potential;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
21 the Department of Fish and Game and the University of Alaska to study the
22 uses made of musk oxen in other countries and the possible uses which could
23 be made in Alaska in order to realize the full economic potential of the
24 animal; and to report its findings to the Sixth Legislature.