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request of the Legislative Council

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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the subdivision of state  
6 lands for recreational purposes in  
7 wilderness areas.

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

9 WHEREAS the vast and beautiful wilderness areas of Alaska offer people  
10 the opportunity to escape the frantic pace of humanity and urban life; and

11 WHEREAS this rare and unique opportunity would be forever lost if  
12 Alaskans were forced to build their cabins and confine their recreational  
13 activities to small concentrated subdivisions in the wilderness; and

14 WHEREAS the Division of Lands has initiated a policy of classifying  
15 portions of wilderness areas of the state as private recreational lands  
16 and then subdividing parts of these areas so that persons wishing to build  
17 cabins and other facilities must do so in close proximity to each other; and

18 WHEREAS this subdividing with the resulting crowding of people into  
19 small areas in the wilderness would deny to Alaskans the right to peace and  
20 privacy, and pose a great threat to the fish and wildlife that abounds in  
21 these areas; and

22 WHEREAS subdividing by the state would also in many instances work  
23 an extreme hardship on persons who wish to build lodges and otherwise par-  
24 take in private enterprise;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature respectfully requests the Governor  
26 to direct the Division of Lands in the Department of Natural Resources to  
27 immediately cease its practice of subdividing lands for recreational purposes  
28 in wilderness areas.  
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