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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the conduct of land seismic
6 operations.

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

8 WHEREAS residents of this state have repeatedly expressed concern over
9 the fact that seismic activities being conducted on public lands in the state
10 are not regulated by either the federal or state land management agencies;
11 and

12 WHEREAS the failure of federal and state land management agencies to
13 regulate the conduct of land seismic activities has resulted in serious
14 long term damage to land values on federal and state public lands; and

15 WHEREAS because the arctic and subarctic climactic conditions prevailing
16 in many areas of intense land seismic activity slows down the natural
17 recovery processes, the past and present misuse of the land, with associated
18 loss of land values, will remain obvious for many years to come; and

19 WHEREAS compatible regulations concerning the conduct of land seismic
20 activities on federal and state public lands must be adopted by both the
21 federal and state land management agencies in order to adequately protect
22 all public lands without causing undue hardship and difficulty for the oil
23 industry; and

24 WHEREAS the land management policy of the Kenai National Moose Range
25 of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife has demonstrated that land
26 seismic activities can be closely regulated without detriment to the oil
27 industry;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature respectfully requests the Governor
29 to direct the Department of Natural Resources to promptly initiate action on

1 the preparation and adoption of regulations which will prevent further
2 deterioration of the values of state public lands resulting from uncontrolled
3 land seismic activities; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bureau of Land Management is respect-
5 fully requested to accelerate the adoption of compatible regulations and
6 stipulations concerning the conduct of land seismic activities on the
7 federal public domain.

8 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to The Honorable Stewart Udall,
9 Secretary of the Interior; The Honorable Boyd Rasmussen, Director, Bureau
10 of Land Management; The Honorable Burton Silcock, State Director, Bureau
11 of Land Management; and to The Honorable E.L. Bartlett and The Honorable
12 Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and The Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S.
13 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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