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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a study by the Legislative
6 Council of the effect of oil import
7 foreign trade zones on the petroleum
8 industry of Alaska.

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

10 WHEREAS the newly discovered oil reserves on the North Slope will make
11 Alaska one of the top oil-producing states, and may enable the state to
12 make up the deficit in the nation's supply of domestic oil; and

13 WHEREAS recently, there have been demands for the creation of foreign
14 trade zones in several states to allow the increased importation of foreign
15 oil into certain areas of the United States; and

16 WHEREAS since the creation of these foreign trade zones and the resultant
17 increase in the importation of foreign oil into the United States would
18 greatly affect the oil industry in Alaska, it is vital for the state to
19 determine and understand the nature of, legal basis for, and political forces
20 behind the creation of these foreign trade zones;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Council is directed to undertake
22 a study of the problems posed to Alaska oil development by oil import foreign
23 trade zones, and to submit its findings to the Sixth Legislature, Second
24 Session, with the view of informing our elected officials and the people of
25 Alaska on a vital and controversial public issue.