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BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the state acquiring the
6 equipment and techniques to contain
7 and clean up oil spills.

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

9 WHEREAS the immense damage and destruction caused recently by oil spills
10 and the dumping of oily ballast into the oceans has made the peoples of the
11 world realize that immediate action is needed to prevent any further pollu-
12 tion; and

13 WHEREAS not only must safeguards be established and enforced to prevent
14 further oil pollution of the oceans but also equipment and techniques should
15 be devised immediately to contain and clean up oil spills when they occur;
16 and

17 WHEREAS Alaska must, if it is to protect its beaches and wildlife,
18 become a leader in providing the means and methods for not only preventing
19 pollution of its waters but also for controlling and cleaning up oil when
20 the situation cannot be prevented; and

21 WHEREAS the recent and tragic disaster which occurred at Kodiak where
22 oil covered over 1,000 miles of beach and killed an estimated 10,000 water-
23 birds is a drastic example of why the state must have at its disposal the
24 equipment and techniques capable of containing and controlling oil pollution
25 before it causes damage and destruction;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
27 the appropriate department or departments to take immediate steps to acquire
28 the equipment and develop the techniques necessary to contain oil spills
29 quickly and efficiently.