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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of a
6 center for northern community and
7 regional development studies in the
8 University of Alaska.

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

10 WHEREAS Alaskans have for years witnessed the urbanization of the other
11 states, with their metropolitan sprawls, inner city decay, transportation
12 problems, environmental pollution, crime rates, economic deterioration and
13 the myriad other problems accompanying their urbanization; and

14 WHEREAS Alaska is rapidly moving from observer to participant in urban
15 problems as more people move from outside the state to the state's urban
16 centers and more former rural dwellers join the migration to the cities
17 and towns; and

18 WHEREAS, while this movement is showing signs of intensification, there
19 is still time to act in order to avoid the consequences of unplanned-for
20 urbanization; and

21 WHEREAS we, as Alaskans, have a unique opportunity to learn from our
22 one-time observer status and to begin the necessary research and planning
23 to ensure that our urban areas will develop in an orderly and healthy
24 manner; and

25 WHEREAS the facilities and resources of the University of Alaska
26 make it an ideal place for the establishment of a center for northern com-
27 munity and regional development studies which could provide a unified
28 research and planning approach to urban science and technology, the develop-
29 ment of urban and regional infrastructural requirements, the location of

1 communities, maximum environmental enhancement, urban land use planning,
2 sustained community and regional economic viability, the development of
3 efficient and modern transportation and communications systems and any
4 other of the many facets of community and regional development which
5 can be contended with in a creative and orderly fashion;

6 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor in conjunction with the Department
7 of Education and the University of Alaska are requested to study the
8 feasibility and requirements of establishing a center for northern com-
9 munity and regional development studies within the University of Alaska
10 and to report their findings to the Seventh Legislature, First Session.