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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to industrial impact areas
6 affecting local government and proposing
7 that state action be taken.

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

9 WHEREAS any economic developmental growth by industrialization or ex-
10 ploitation of natural resources in Alaska has historically placed great
11 demands on political subdivisions of the State of Alaska for police, utility,
12 recreation, and all other urban types of services; and

13 WHEREAS the State of Alaska derives almost immediate benefits and
14 revenues from economic development by reason of its tax structures, structures
15 which cannot be effectively implemented by Alaska municipalities; and

16 WHEREAS failure of the State to share financial burdens with local
17 municipalities should no longer be attributed to poverty of total state
18 resources as opposed to total State demands; and

19 WHEREAS a proper awareness of the costs of any economic developmental
20 growth in the State of Alaska should take into account the struggle and
21 burden of local municipalities who are frequently left with accumulated
22 problems and costs after the continuing activity no longer promises the
23 incentive to the private section of the economic structure in the vicinity
24 of the development; and

25 WHEREAS the possibility exists that the State can assist with the cost
26 of development (as well as collect the benefits thereof) with resources
27 which appear to be available now and appear to be present in the future; and

28 WHEREAS accumulating developmental trends in Valdez, Fairbanks, Juneau
29 and Anchorage promise the historical cycle of demands for local police

1 utility and other urban services in advance of availability of local revenue
2 and resources as has been the experience of Kenai (which is still in the
3 acute throes of the problem);

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature that the Governor is respectfully
5 requested to direct the appropriate agencies of the State of Alaska to make
6 an immediate survey of the urgent needs of communities affected by or to
7 be affected by, economic development pressures, demands for service and
8 all of the other requirements customarily associated with urban facilities
9 to support resource and industrial development, and the appropriate agencies
10 of the State of Alaska to consider such assistance (but not necessarily
11 limited to) as the following:

12 (a) Immediate increase of the staff of State agencies in developmentally
13 impacted, or to be impacted, areas so governmental services will be available
14 to serve needs. That such increase of state staff be accomplished at no
15 cost to local communities receiving the assistance therefrom.

16 (b) That such increase of immediate staffing include police, welfare,
17 environmental sanitation, land planning and leasing agencies and other
18 comparable agencies of the State government.

19 (c) That a provision for furnishing cash grants to local municipalities
20 be devised at the earliest possible moment.

21 (d) That emergency actions be immediately followed by planning for
22 orderly continuation of State assistance until needs are reasonably met
23 and can be integrated into routine service programs of local municipalities.

24 (e) That funding be related to benefits reasonably resulting from
25 economic development in order that justification be related to understandable
26 criteria which can be analyzed by the people of the State of Alaska.

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