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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a revision of the state
6 banking code.

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

8 WHEREAS all Alaskans are affected by the availability or lack of credit
9 through our financial institutions; and

10 WHEREAS our financial institutions in the banking business are limited
11 in number due to economic and other reasons, and this fact tends to restrict
12 competition in the banking arena; and

13 WHEREAS our banks are dependent upon deposits by the citizens of Alaska
14 for their resources; and

15 WHEREAS the availability of these resources for the purpose of credit
16 and commerce is vital to the economic well-being of every citizen of the
17 state; and

18 WHEREAS the administrative policy, stability and soundness of our
19 financial institutions determine the degree of access to financial resources
20 by each citizen; and

21 WHEREAS the State of Alaska's ability and responsibility to influence
22 and regulate the economic climate has been increased greatly with the advent
23 of oil revenues and the Native Claims Settlement; and

24 WHEREAS it is a continuing obligation of the legislature to insure that
25 a viable, competitive dual banking system is operating and responsive to the
26 needs of the people; and

27 WHEREAS it is the statutory responsibility of the Department of Commerce
28 to regulate and supervise state-chartered financial institutions in order to
29 insure the protection of depositors and promote a sound state-chartered

banking system;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Legislative Council
3 is directed to contract with a nationally known banking consultant to con-
4 duct a thorough review and revision of the state banking code, and that the
5 legislature appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for this undertaking; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature appropriate sufficient funds to
7 the Department of Commerce, division of banking, to enable that division
8 to hire the necessary permanent expert personnel and support staff to con-
9 duct on an orderly and continuing basis independent audits of all state-
10 chartered banks and to otherwise carry out the functions of the division in
11 the best manner possible and with the greatest amount of expertise; and be
12 it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council make its recommendations
14 in the form of a report, together with proposed legislation, if any, to the
15 First Session of the Eighth Legislature.