

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the depletion of ground  
6 waters.

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

8 WHEREAS the underground waters of the Kenai Peninsula and the State of  
9 Alaska as a whole are a valuable natural resource to be protected and per-  
10 fected for future utility; and

11 WHEREAS certain of these underground waters are being depleted by  
12 excessive withdrawal by industrial-commercial pumping without recharge; and

13 WHEREAS unplanned and uncoordinated usage of underground waters in  
14 some areas has produced indications that deeper aquifers are being depleted  
15 and cause migration from the aquifers usually supplying domestic on-site  
16 water; and

17 WHEREAS depletion of ground water (underground) aquifers can expose  
18 areas to adjacent salt water intrusion; and

19 WHEREAS excessive use of ground water (underground) aquifers can cause  
20 subterranean soil compaction making difficult or irreversible ground water  
21 recharge efforts; and

22 WHEREAS the coordination and regulation of the State of Alaska is  
23 urgently needed to plan and allocate (including reduction of use) the ground  
24 water resources;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Governor is respect-  
26 fully requested to take all action necessary when, in the opinion of the  
27 Commissioner of Natural Resources, existing commercial-industrial water use  
28 permittees are causing or contributing to depletion of ground waters, to see that  
29 such permits are withdrawn by the state as soon as an alternative

1 nondepleting water supply is made available.

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