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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the preservation of
6 the polar bear in Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS numerous Alaskans as well as untold numbers of visitors to
9 Alaska hunt or photograph our remaining polar bear; and

10 WHEREAS the hunting of polar bear by airplane, snow vehicle and land
11 motor vehicle, and the establishing and supplying of camps by these means
12 constitute a serious threat to the continued existence of the polar bear;
13 and

14 WHEREAS the financial resources of many guides make it impossible for
15 them to own and operate aircraft and to compete with more wealthy guides in
16 the hunting of polar bear; and

17 WHEREAS the interest in breeding of sled dogs and the manufacture of
18 dog sleds is increasing not only in Alaska but in other states as well; and

19 WHEREAS making it illegal to hunt polar bear by means other than dog-
20 drawn sleds would preserve the animal, make it possible for guides of all
21 races and economic status to compete on an equal basis, and encourage sled-
22 dog breeding and the design and construction of dog sleds;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
24 the Department of Fish and Game to prepare a report outlining the approaches
25 used by other nations in preserving polar bear; and it shall set out the
26 viewpoint of Alaska's registered guides with the object of determining what
27 effect the prohibition of the use of aircraft and snow and land vehicles
28 in the hunting of polar bear would have on the people and economy of north-
29 western Alaska and the preservation of the polar bear; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that this report shall be submitted to the Eighth
2 Legislature - Second Session.

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