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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing the study of state oil and  
6 gas development in the lower Cook Inlet  
7 and requesting the Governor to make  
8 certain determinations.

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

10 WHEREAS the nation is presently undergoing the most serious energy  
11 crisis in its 200-year history; and

12 WHEREAS Alaska, with its tremendous reserves of natural resources,  
13 especially in the energy field, could, through proper development, greatly  
14 reduce this present crisis; and

15 WHEREAS intelligent development of energy resources in Alaska would not  
16 only help alleviate the national shortage of energy but would also give the  
17 sagging Alaska economy the boost it so desperately needs;

18 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature respectfully requests the  
19 Governor to direct the Department of Natural Resources to make a thorough  
20 investigation of the possibilities of state development of the oil and gas  
21 reserves in the lower Cook Inlet basin by (1) determining the oil and gas  
22 industry's interest in development of lower Cook Inlet; (2) consider the  
23 feasibility of negotiating with the federal government on an equitable  
24 interim escrow agreement involving lease and production proceeds; and (3)  
25 requesting that the federal government give immediate priority to all impact  
26 statements necessary for the state development of oil and gas in the lower  
27 Cook Inlet basin; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the Department's efforts be sub-  
29 mitted in report form to the Eighth Legislature - Second Session.