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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to consideration of a new
6 Department of Cultural Affairs and
7 Recreation.

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

9 WHEREAS under the present statutory scheme in Alaska many different
10 departments are delegated authority over differing aspects and programs
11 affecting or dealing with historic preservation, tourism, parks and recrea-
12 tion, and the like; and

13 WHEREAS the tourism industry is closely tied, or should be closely tied,
14 with the development and maintenance of our parks and other recreation
15 resources; and

16 WHEREAS Alaska's cultural heritage also would receive more definitive
17 attention if the various programs and attractions were under the direction
18 and control of one responsible department; and

19 WHEREAS other states have, in their wisdom, established Departments of
20 Cultural Affairs and Recreation or Departments of Parks, Recreation and
21 Tourism, and the like;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Legislative Council is
23 requested to study during the interim the feasibility of combining all
24 functions and responsibilities for parks, recreation, tourism, and cultural
25 affairs into a new state department; and be it

26 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council's report, with implementing legisla-
27 tion if the idea is determined to be feasible, be presented to the Eighth
28 Legislature - Second Session.

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