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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting a study of the organization,
6 management and financing of local govern-
7 ment in Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS the purpose of the local government article of the Alaska
10 Constitution is simply stated: "to provide for maximum local self-govern-
11 ment with a minimum of local government units, and to prevent duplication of
12 tax-levying jurisdiction"; liberal construction was to be given to the powers
13 of local government, for Alaska clearly is pre-eminently a "home rule" state;
14 and

15 WHEREAS the framers of the Alaska Constitution wisely provided for but
16 two units of local government, cities and boroughs, a unique plan to avoid
17 the proliferation of special districts and other political subdivisions with
18 overlapping jurisdictions and boundaries that compete for limited tax
19 dollars--a condition that is so characteristic of local government in
20 virtually all other areas of the United States; and

21 WHEREAS the impending period of construction of the trans-Alaska pipe-
22 line which will double the assessed valuation of taxable property in the
23 state also will bring considerable pressure to bear on the governing bodies
24 and other agencies of local government in the state, as well as on their
25 ability to meet the demands for new and expanded public services of all
26 kinds; and

27 WHEREAS a decade-and-a-half after statehood, it would be salutary for
28 the state to "take stock" of its experience to date with the present organi-
29 zation, management and financing of local government to evaluate its

1 effectiveness and its efficiency in light of new and increased demands that
2 will be placed on it.

3 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
4 the Legislative Council to appoint and assign an appropriate interim
5 committee to study the subject of the organization, management and financing
6 of local government in Alaska; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council submit its report
8 to the Ninth Legislature - First Session.

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