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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to wastewater treatment

6 plant operator certification.

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

8 WHEREAS the pollution control mission has become a national thrust, and
9 the integrity of operation of wastewater treatment plants must be assured;
10 and

11 WHEREAS the certification of wastewater treatment plant operators
12 establishes the manner in which basic qualifications of training and experi-
13 ence are prescribed; and

14 WHEREAS to place the operation of modern water or pollution control
15 facilities in the hands of unqualified personnel does not make sense; and

16 WHEREAS protection of the public health should be of the highest prior-
17 ity; and

18 WHEREAS the State of Alaska remains the only state without a certifica-
19 tion program for wastewater treatment plant operators; and

20 WHEREAS the state and local governments are spending millions of dollars
21 on new water systems and when completed they are turned over to untrained
22 persons to operate; and

23 WHEREAS a lack of training facilities in Alaska used to be cited as the
24 reason operators were not required to be certified in the state; and

25 WHEREAS there now exists the manpower training center in Kenai where
26 operators could be trained;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
28 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Environmental Conservation
29 to establish immediately a certification program for wastewater treatment

1 plant operators.

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