

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to legislative committee
6 hearings.

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

8 WHEREAS the vast majority of Alaskans are at a distinct disadvantage
9 when it comes to being able to testify before committee hearings held in
10 Juneau during the legislative session; and

11 WHEREAS the average citizen cannot afford to travel to Juneau and the
12 additional factors of time and safety discourage even those with money from
13 coming to the capital city; and

14 WHEREAS as a result oftentimes the legislative committees are not
15 receiving input from a large cross-section of the public and the resulting
16 legislation is therefore apt to be one-sided and favoring special interests;
17 and

18 WHEREAS it is vital to the state and to the legislature that the
19 opinions, views, and proposals from all persons desiring to submit them be
20 received by the legislature before final decisions are made on legislation
21 affecting all Alaskans;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature that the Legislative Council is
23 requested to conduct a feasibility study of obtaining testimony at committee
24 hearings from citizens throughout the state via the utilization of conference
25 telephone calls and if such a plan were found to be feasible by the council,
26 both economically and practically, that procedures for such be implemented
27 for the 1974 legislative session.

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