

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 it is in the best interests of responsive and responsible
9 government for the legislature to receive maximum citizen input from through-
10 out Alaska during legislative deliberations; and

11 WHEREAS it is frequently neither convenient nor practical for many
12 Alaskans to leave their home communities in order to provide testimony before
13 legislative committees; 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.