

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to proposed land excavation
6 and reclamation regulations of the
7 Department of Environmental Conserva-
8 tion.

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

10 WHEREAS the Department of Environmental Conservation has issued notice
11 of public hearings on proposed regulations regarding land excavation and
12 reclamation; and

13 WHEREAS the hearings are scheduled to commence on February 25 in
14 Fairbanks and conclude in Juneau on March 7; and

15 WHEREAS the proposed regulations, at first blush, appear to be extremely
16 restrictive in their requirements and contain severe penalties for their
17 violation; and

18 WHEREAS land excavation or reclamation does not, in the ordinary course
19 of events, pose environmental hazards or nuisances of such a degree as to
20 warrant the severe requirements and penalties proposed;

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
22 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Environmental Conservation
23 to cancel the upcoming hearings on the proposed land excavation and reclama-
24 tion regulations and to take the proposals back under advisement and considera-
25 tion with the objective of modifying the restrictive requirements and heavy
26 penalties before any proposals are offered for public comment.

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