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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a study of Alaska's
6 agricultural potential.

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

8 WHEREAS recent surveys have determined that an excess of 12 million acres
9 of tillable land with agricultural potential exist in Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS a large portion of the 12 million acres is included in areas of
11 state selection; and

12 WHEREAS there is an ever-expanding need for the production of food and
13 fiber throughout the world as a result of the world demanding ever-increasing
14 prices for food products; and

15 WHEREAS the increasing demand for agricultural production in the contin-
16 ental United States has greatly diminished the desire once present to ship
17 low-cost surplus foods to Alaska; and

18 WHEREAS the rapidly expanding population of Alaska would benefit greatly
19 if the state had a reliable agricultural base; and

20 WHEREAS a firm strategy for developing and maintaining tracts of agri-
21 cultural land permanently in agricultural production does not presently
22 exist in the state;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Legislative
24 Council is requested to undertake an interim study with the objective of
25 making recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the Ninth Legis-
26 lature - First Session regarding a viable state policy for developing and
27 fostering, on a continuing basis, Alaska's agricultural potential.

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