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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 100

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to electric and gas utility  
6 regulations.

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

8 WHEREAS electric and gas utility rates have risen dramatically in all  
9 areas of Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS rate increases have been disproportionately great for small resi-  
11 dential users; and

12 WHEREAS rising costs for generating fuel and gas at the wellhead have  
13 created a situation in which existing bulk discounts to large industrial and  
14 commercial consumers are being subsidized by residential and small commercial  
15 customers; and

16 WHEREAS methods of reducing peak loads of electric power have proven  
17 successful in Europe and several states and resulted in lower consumer utility  
18 bills; and

19 WHEREAS many utilities are planning plant expansions, which will result  
20 in even higher utility rates in order to meet demand peaks; and

21 WHEREAS utilities have asked for authority to automatically pass on  
22 increases in fuel costs to consumers; and

23 WHEREAS the documentation furnished by public utilities in support of  
24 rate increases has been inadequate;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Legislative  
26 Affairs Agency is directed to undertake a study of electric and gas utility  
27 rate structures and regulatory practices and to report to the Legislature on  
28 changes in law or regulatory practice required to insure equitable treatment  
29 of all consumers and provide incentives for the conservation of energy; and

1 be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Public Utilities Commission is requested  
3 to cooperate fully in this study.

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