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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 110 *am 5*

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the Village Safe Water Act.

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

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WHEREAS the Village Safe Water Act was established in 1970 to develop safe water systems and hygienic sewage waste disposal systems in rural Alaska; and

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WHEREAS the implementation of this Act has apparently been frustrated due to the inability to conduct a satisfactory needs assessment in the rural area; and

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WHEREAS it is impossible to develop a satisfactory and potentially successful implementation plan and construction strategy without an adequate needs assessment; and

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WHEREAS the Alaskan Native rural housing authorities are charged with the responsibility of improving potable water supplies and assuring suitable sewage waste collection, treatment, and disposal within their respective regions; and

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WHEREAS the Alaskan Native nonprofit regional associations have shown a desire to assist the State of Alaska in implementing the Village Safe Water Act through an advisory committee;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Environmental Conservation to convene the Village Safe Water Act Advisory Committee consisting of the appropriate membership as designated by the twelve regional associations; that the department with the direct assistance of the advisory committee perform an analysis of the water and sewage disposal needs of all villages in the state which qualify for the services under the Act; that with the needs

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1 assessment, the department and committee prioritize the villages with respect
2 to the level of services to be provided and scheduled installation; that the
3 department and committee agree to an implementation strategy and schedule
4 which will encumber \$5,000,000 of general obligation bond funds and addi-
5 tionally serve as a basis for a systematic biennial general obligation bond
6 request to satisfy the full implementation of the Village Safe Water Act,
7 AS 14.07; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that a report summarizing the progress of the needs
9 assessment, implementation plan, and funding strategy should be completed no
10 later than the first month of the Tenth Legislature, First Session, and
11 presented to the chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Community and
12 Regional Affairs.

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