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Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 132

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the waste disposal exigencies
6 in Barrow and Bethel.

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

8 WHEREAS the sewage and trash disposal systems in Barrow and Bethel are
9 utterly inadequate; and

10 WHEREAS the present system of waste disposal in these communities pre-
11 sents a grave threat to the health of the people living in Barrow and Bethel;
12 and

13 WHEREAS the incidence of hepatitis and other illness caused by inade-
14 quate waste disposal has increased dramatically in recent years; and

15 WHEREAS solutions to the waste disposal problems in Barrow and Bethel
16 are very expensive; and

17 WHEREAS the financial resources in these communities are inadequate for
18 solving the problems; and

19 WHEREAS steps must be taken without delay to alleviate the problems in
20 order to avert the threat of an epidemic of hepatitis and other illness at
21 spring breakup;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
23 respectfully asked to request the Alaska Department of Health and Social
24 Services and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to immedi-
25 ately undertake steps to solve the waste disposal and health crises in Barrow
26 and Bethel; and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Social Services and
28 the Department of Environmental Conservation begin planning, in cooperation
29 with the United States Public Health Service, for a long-range solution to

1 the health, trash and sewage disposal problems in Barrow and Bethel.

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