

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a joint state-federal fire-
6 fighting program.

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

8 WHEREAS many homes in rural Alaska are located in areas that are com-
9 pletely lacking any kind of fire protection and many others are located beyond
10 the effective range of standard fire equipment; and

11 WHEREAS the winter months constitute the period of greatest danger to
12 homes located beyond help in case of fire; and

13 WHEREAS the Bureau of Land Management has developed highly sophisticated
14 techniques for fighting fires in remote areas, including the use of heli-
15 copters, smoke jumpers, and fire retardants; and

16 WHEREAS the Bureau of Land Management conducts its fire-fighting activi-
17 ties during the summer months only; and

18 WHEREAS the loss of life and property is by far the highest in home
19 fires;

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully
21 requests the Governor to seek federal cooperation in a pilot project to test
22 the applicability of Bureau of Land Management techniques to fight home fires
23 in rural areas during times when the Bureau of Land Management is not engaged
24 in fighting forest fires; and be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor advise the Ninth Legislature - Second
26 Session of the results of his efforts in this regard.

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