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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the development of a compre-
6 hensive state energy policy.

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

8 WHEREAS the President of the United States has recently directed atten-
9 tion to the critical problems involving the conservation, production and
10 development of energy resources of the nation, offering for the consideration
11 of Congress and the American people a Comprehensive National Energy Policy
12 Plan; and

13 WHEREAS, notwithstanding Alaska's preeminent position as a supplier of a
14 major portion of the nation's energy resources through the next decades,
15 increasing domestic energy demands, coupled with rising production and
16 processing costs and transportation requirements and expenses, burden Alaskans
17 and fairly require the development of a similar comprehensive energy policy
18 to meet the needs of the people of the state; and

19 WHEREAS, with its reserves of oil, gas and coal, abundant tidal and
20 hydroelectric sources, and unique opportunity to utilize other renewable
21 energy factors, such as wind, solar, and geothermal power, the State of
22 Alaska enjoys an unparalleled opportunity to develop and implement a realis-
23 tic state energy program to meet future residential, commercial, transporta-
24 tion and other demands; and

25 WHEREAS the development of a comprehensive state energy policy should
26 involve the executive and legislative branches of government on a cooperative
27 basis, with opportunity for public participation and comment, in a forum
28 which will examine alternative courses and lay the groundwork for subsequent
29 action;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that there is established
2 a temporary State Energy Policy Committee composed of the following members
3 to identify the problems and initiate solutions with respect to the develop-
4 ment of a viable state energy policy:

5 (1) a Chairman of the Senate State Affairs Committee and three
6 members of the Senate appointed by the president;

7 (2) the Chairman of the House State Affairs Committee and three
8 members of the House appointed by the speaker;

9 (3) the commissioner of commerce and economic development or his
10 designee;

11 (4) the commissioner of natural resources or his designee;

12 (5) the commissioner of revenue or his designee;

13 (6) the director of the division of policy development and plan-
14 ning or his designee;

15 (7) a member of the Alaska Public Utilities Commission, chosen by
16 the members of the Commission; and

17 (8) four members appointed by the governor, one of whom shall
18 represent each of the following public interests: consumer concerns, con-
19 servation interests, private or municipal utilities, and the state's nonre-
20 newable energy resource industry; and be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee established by this resolution,
22 through a process which examines in detail the individual efforts to develop
23 Alaska's domestic energy resources, including the conservation and develop-
24 ment of the state's nonrenewable resource reserves, and only after opportun-
25 ity for public participation, report not later than January 1, 1978, to the
26 governor and the Legislative Council its recommendations with respect to
27 development of a comprehensive state energy policy, including but not limited
28 to, coordination of state plans and programs with the national effort, the
29 timely and proper development of additional nonrenewable resources and their

1 transportation and delivery to the markets of the state and nation, the
2 effects of state and federal energy regulatory functions and pricing, and the
3 development of alternative renewable energy resources on a regional or com-
4 munity basis especially in rural areas of Alaska, and that the committee's
5 report formulate guidelines and suggest the means by which to marshal addi-
6 tional resources to maintain a continuing energy planning and development
7 program; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee may proceed in its work through the
9 establishment of one or more subcommittees; that, with the consent of the
10 governor, it may apply for federal, state and private financial assistance to
11 undertake and complete its work; and that the committee may extend an invita-
12 tion to representatives of any agency of the federal government concerned
13 with energy planning and development to serve as ex officio members of the
14 committee.

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