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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR 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, with its reserves of oil, gas and coal, abundant tidal and
14 hydroelectric sources, and unique opportunity to utilize other renewable
15 energy factors such as wind, solar, and geothermal power, the State of Alaska
16 enjoys a preeminent position as a supplier of a major portion of the nation's
17 energy resources through the next decades and an unparalleled opportunity
18 similarly to develop and implement a realistic state energy program to meet
19 future residential, commercial, transportation and other demands; and

20 WHEREAS increasing domestic energy demands, coupled with rising produc-
21 tion and processing costs and transportation requirements and expenses,
22 severely burden Alaskans and hence require the development of a comprehensive
23 energy policy to meet the needs of the people of the state; and

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

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that there is established

1 a temporary State Energy Policy Committee composed of the following members
2 to identify the problems and initiate solutions with respect to the develop-
3 ment of a viable state energy policy:

4 (1) three members of the Senate appointed by the president;

5 (2) three members of the House appointed by the speaker;

6 (3) the commissioner of commerce and economic development or his
7 designee;

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

9 (5) four members appointed by the governor, one of whom shall
10 represent each of the following public interests: consumer concerns, con-
11 servation interests, public utilities, and the state's nonrenewable energy
12 resource industry; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee established by this resolution shall
14 through a process which examines in detail the individual efforts to develop
15 Alaska's domestic energy resources, including the protection and development
16 of the state's nonrenewable resource reserves, and only after opportunity for
17 public participation, make a preliminary report not later than January 1,
18 1978, and a final report not later than January 1, 1979, to the governor and
19 the Legislative Council on its recommendations with respect to development of
20 a comprehensive state energy policy, including but not limited to, coordina-
21 tion of state plans and programs with the national effort, the timely and
22 proper development of additional nonrenewable resources and their transporta-
23 tion and delivery to the markets of the state and nation, the effects of
24 state and federal energy regulatory functions and pricing, and the develop-
25 ment of alternative renewable energy resources on a regional or community
26 basis especially in rural areas of Alaska, and that the committee's report
27 formulate guidelines and suggest the means by which to marshal additional
28 resources to maintain a continuing energy planning and development program;
29 and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee may proceed in its work through the
2 establishment of one or more subcommittees; that, with the consent of the
3 governor, it may apply for federal, state and private financial assistance to
4 undertake and complete its work; and that the committee may extend an invita-
5 tion to representatives of any agency of the federal government concerned
6 with energy planning and development to serve as ex officio members of the
7 committee.

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