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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 104

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging immediate filing for and selection  
6 of the remaining state land entitlements  
7 under the Alaska Statehood Act.

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

9 WHEREAS under the terms of the Alaska Statehood Act the state is entitled  
10 to select 103,350,000 acres of vacant, unappropriated and unreserved public  
11 land within 25 years after the admission of Alaska into the Union; and

12 WHEREAS approximately 32 million acres remain to be selected under the  
13 terms of that Act; and

14 WHEREAS delays in the selection of this land have prejudiced the in-  
15 terests of the state since much of the federal land formerly available for  
16 state selection has been appropriated and reserved for other purposes; and

17 WHEREAS it is of the utmost importance for the state to put on record  
18 by filing with the Bureau of Land Management the approximately 45 million  
19 acres it has identified and desires to select even though this exceeds the  
20 state's remaining entitlement and may conflict with areas in the federal  
21 domain or under consideration as national interest land under the provisions  
22 of Sec. 17(d)(2) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and

23 WHEREAS, if the state's land priorities continue to be unknown pending  
24 future hearings, imminent administrative or congressional action may further  
25 reduce or eliminate the state's bargaining power in this matter;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is  
27 respectfully requested to direct the commissioner of natural resources to  
28 proceed expeditiously in formally filing for and making all remaining land  
29 selections under the Alaska Statehood Act, regardless of whether the

1 selections may conflict with areas under consideration for national interest  
2 land or other designation, and regardless of whether the selections are  
3 further refined through the hearing process.

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