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BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 131

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting recommendations for energy
6 conservation standards.

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

8 WHEREAS fossil fuels are a finite resource, and as such they are be-
9 coming increasingly expensive and prone to shortages; and

10 WHEREAS considerable lead time is required to develop alternative sources
11 of energy, and so it is prudent to conserve our supplies of fossil fuels; and

12 WHEREAS tests have shown that the energy conservation standard number
13 90-75 developed by the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and
14 Airconditioning Engineers would save on energy consumption at the lower 48
15 average rate of 11 per cent in single-family residences, 40.1 per cent in
16 retail stores, 42.7 per cent in low-rise apartments, 48.1 per cent in
17 schools, and 59.7 per cent in office buildings; and

18 WHEREAS the potential for energy conservation in buildings in Alaska is
19 magnified as compared to other states, due to the severe climate; and

20 WHEREAS energy conservation in Alaska has the added benefit of sub-
21 stantial cost savings, due to the high fuel costs in Alaska; and

22 WHEREAS the State of Alaska has already demonstrated its concern for
23 energy conservation in buildings by including energy standards in its design
24 criteria for public facilities, and is considering standards for all con-
25 struction as required by federal law; and

26 WHEREAS the Thermal Efficiency Standards Committee, convened by the
27 Department of Commerce and Economic Development, division of energy and
28 power development, and representing Alaska realtors, architects, engineers,
29 bankers, contractors, manufacturers, environmentalists, consumers, and

1 various levels of government, has invested many hours in studying energy
2 conservation standards and drafting recommendations;

3 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature commends the various
4 groups and individuals on the Thermal Efficiency Standards Committee for
5 their efforts toward the development of recommendations for energy conserva-
6 tion standards for buildings; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature respectfully requests the Governor
8 to direct the Department of Commerce and Economic Development to submit the
9 recommendations of the Lighting and Thermal Efficiency Standards Committee to
10 the Alaska Legislature by January, 1979.

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