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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Directing the Legislative Council to
6 conduct a study relating to problems
7 experienced by Alaska Natives in
8 becoming licensed guides.

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

10 WHEREAS a substantial portion of the guiding activity in Alaska is
11 centered in the remote, less populated areas of the state; and

12 WHEREAS these areas have been populated predominantly by Alaska Natives
13 for generations; and

14 WHEREAS many of the Alaska Natives who live in these areas are well
15 qualified in terms of knowledge of the game resources and terrain to conduct
16 guided hunts in these areas; and

17 WHEREAS, despite their experience and knowledge in hunting game animals
18 under the often dangerous conditions which exist in the remote areas of the
19 state, very few Alaska Natives have been licensed as master or registered
20 guides under AS 08.54; and

21 WHEREAS the Guide Licensing and Control Board is responsible for the
22 implementation of the provisions of AS 08.54;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that under the provisions
24 of AS 24.20.090 and Uniform Rule 48(c) the Legislative Council is directed to
25 conduct a study for the purpose of determining:

26 (1) the extent of participation by Alaska Natives in guiding
27 activities in the state as registered or master guides;

28 (2) the general relationship between Alaska Natives and the Guide
29 Licensing and Control Board;

1 (3) problems perceived by Alaska Natives who reside in the bush
2 areas of the state in the guide licensing law or in the implementation of the
3 law by the Guide Licensing and Control Board;

4 (4) specific requirements or obstacles to becoming a registered or
5 master guide which unfairly discriminate against Alaska Natives; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council is directed to report the
7 findings of its study with any recommendations to the legislature no later
8 than the 20th day of the Second Session of the Eleventh Legislature.

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