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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Requesting the commissioner of educa-
tion to establish a program of
practical fisheries education.

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

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WHEREAS it is the expressly stated policy of the State of Alaska to
pursue a course of action favorable to the development of the bottomfish
industry; and

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WHEREAS the basic goals for the development of the bottomfish industry
are to

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(1) maximize the economic benefits from the industry to Alaskans;

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(2) maximize private-sector participation and minimize public-
sector involvements;

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(3) avoid public-sector expenditure commitments which exceed the
dollar value of benefits created by the expenditure; and

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(4) avoid undesirable environmental, cultural, and social effects;
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WHEREAS the State of Alaska desires to create investment and employment
opportunities in the bottomfish industry for its citizens; and

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WHEREAS Alaska residents are, for the most part, not trained in tech-
niques for harvesting, processing, and marketing bottomfish in a cost-
efficient manner;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is
respectfully requested to direct the commissioner of education to develop a
program for providing practical fisheries education, including vocational and
management training, to Alaska residents; and be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE commissioner's efforts be directed by a select
2 steering committee, chosen by the governor and chaired by an independent
3 Alaska business leader, which has majority representation from the fishing
4 industry and representation from appropriate programs of Alaska educational
5 institutions; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that the select steering committee consider the
7 feasibility of offering the program on a highly competitive basis with
8 substantial economic incentives for participants who remain in Alaska or who
9 apply the training acquired in a manner consistent with state goals; and be
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11 FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor is requested to seek assistance from
12 the members of the legislature in making appointments to the select steering
13 committee.

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