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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the development of Denali
6 State Park.

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

8 WHEREAS Mount McKinley National Park is the oldest national park in
9 Alaska and encompasses the northern and western flanks of the Denali massif;
10 and

11 WHEREAS the Secretary of the Interior has withdrawn federal lands to the
12 south of Mount McKinley National Park for inclusion within the park under
13 authority of the Antiquities Act; and

14 WHEREAS the Secretary's withdrawals abut lands selected by the State of
15 Alaska and included within the Denali State Park by Act of the Alaska
16 Legislature; and

17 WHEREAS Mount McKinley National Park and the Denali State Park are major
18 tourist attractions offering unparalleled opportunities for views of North
19 America's highest peak, wildlife, and for recreational uses; and

20 WHEREAS the Mount McKinley National Park - Denali State Park units are
21 centrally located between Alaska's principal cities, readily accessible by
22 both road and rail, and present a significant challenge for joint planning
23 involving the National Park Service and the Alaska Department of Natural
24 Resources; and

25 WHEREAS the planning and development of access and facilities for
26 tourism and recreational use on the south flank of Denali, and the provision
27 of headquarters facilities for both the federal and state agencies concerned
28 with McKinley Park - Denali Park resource management, offer one opportunity
29 to develop the economy of the northern portion of the Matanuska-Susitna

1 Borough;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that a special committee
3 be appointed, to include a member of the senate appointed by the president of
4 the senate, a member of the house appointed by the speaker of the house, and
5 a representative of the administration appointed by the governor, to meet
6 periodically to review existing studies concerning recreational opportunities
7 within federal and state lands on the south side of Denali, review contracts
8 and agreements let or to be let by the state government concerning park and
9 recreational development in this area, serve as a point of contact for
10 parties interested in park and recreational development opportunities for
11 this area, and continue efforts to secure joint planning for the national
12 park and the state park under a master plan involving both units; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee complete a report of its work with
14 recommendations and present it to the Twelfth State Legislature not later
15 than January 20, 1981.
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