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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Adopting a state policy for economic  
6 development and directing the  
7 Legislative Council to make a study  
8 of this policy.

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

10 WHEREAS the State of Alaska firmly supports and encourages responsible  
11 economic development that will develop, strengthen and diversify its economic  
12 base by utilizing its human and natural resources in an effective manner; and

13 WHEREAS the use of the manifold natural resources of Alaska which most  
14 benefits Alaskans is for development of jobs in the state with expansion and  
15 diversification of the state's economic base through processing the resources  
16 in the state to the maximum amount feasible; and

17 WHEREAS adoption of an economic development policy that clearly ex-  
18 presses the state goals of achieving a sound, healthy and growing economy for  
19 Alaska would clearly communicate to the business community the basis on which  
20 the state encourages responsible investors; and

21 WHEREAS a clearly communicated economic development policy would aid in  
22 establishing a sound working relationship with industry so that investors  
23 will be encouraged to develop further economic opportunities within the state  
24 that can proceed in the common interest of the state and the investors;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature adopts the following  
26 policy which is intended to clearly communicate to the business community the  
27 basis on which the state encourages responsible investors to come to Alaska  
28 and determine if various industrial projects are in our common interest; the  
29 state should encourage economic development that

1 (1) offers long-term benefits and increased employment to Alaskans  
2 through strengthening and diversification of the state's economy by building  
3 on its present economic base and encouraging new activities that are econo-  
4 mically feasible;

5 (2) is environmentally sound and is undertaken after careful  
6 consideration of the views of local citizens most impacted by the develop-  
7 ment;

8 (3) adds to and when possible diversifies the state's revenue,  
9 increases average personal income and reduces the cost of living by creating  
10 economic activity in economic sectors that do not presently exist or are not  
11 presently fully developed;

12 (4) has a positive effect on the revenue needs and fiscal con-  
13 ditions of the state and local communities and does not impose additional  
14 governmental costs in excess of this positive effect;

15 (5) has a positive effect, when applicable and economically  
16 feasible, on power and energy availability for present and future needs;

17 (6) promotes tax and revenue stability in the state;

18 (7) processes in the state the maximum feasible amount of any  
19 natural resource derived in the state with, as a minimum, when economically  
20 feasible and in the state's best interest, processing in the state of that  
21 amount of any resource derived in the state equal to the state's royalty  
22 share of that resource; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED that the state should actively undertake activities to  
24 attract investment within these criteria to take advantage of the investment  
25 opportunities afforded by Alaska's abundant resources, and use its powers and  
26 resources as a catalyst for responsible economic development of the state in  
27 the interests of its citizens; the state should

28 (1) be aware of the many advantages and disadvantages to the state  
29 that will result from the development of various existing and potential

1 industries and, through its various agencies, identify and evaluate these  
2 factors and make information available to investors and to governmental  
3 officials to aid in their evaluation of potential industrial projects;

4 (2) provide necessary leadership to aid present and potential  
5 investors to acquire or develop necessary information which is unique to the  
6 state and required for their evaluation of new projects;

7 (3) with cooperation from investors, seek to identify any con-  
8 straints to economic development of the state imposed by the federal and  
9 state governments and work with the federal government through the state  
10 congressional delegation to resolve the problems created by these con-  
11 straints;

12 (4) identify how the economy will change as a result of normal  
13 growth and evolution of present and possible future basic industries and  
14 evaluate proposals based on the criteria adopted;

15 (5) establish a competitive position with other areas of the  
16 country seeking to attract economic development and adopt various economic  
17 development incentives including tax incentives to retain current industries  
18 and to attract future industries;

19 (6) provide necessary assistance to responsible investors to aid  
20 in the determination of whether proposed development is in the interest of  
21 the investor and the state;

22 (7) provide a stable economic environment by sale of natural  
23 resources owned by the state to processors of the resource at a competitive  
24 price for a period necessary for amortization of capital investment by the  
25 processor.

26 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature direct the legislative council to  
27 form a committee to study, facilitate implementation of and report to the  
28 first session of the twelfth legislature on the concepts and concerns ex-  
29 pressed in this resolution.