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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the development of a  
6 wood products industry in the state.

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

8 WHEREAS future expansion of agriculture, road building, and hydro-  
9 electric power will require the clearing of timber from thousands of acres  
10 of land in interior Alaska; and

11 WHEREAS present methods of clearing land for agricultural and other  
12 development are costly to both the state and private landowners, have not  
13 efficiently used the economic potential of the timber cleared from the land,  
14 and have increased the potential for and the incidence of forest fire; and

15 WHEREAS timber cleared from this land has economic potential as a  
16 supplement to coal as a fuel in coal-fired electric boilers, as wood chips  
17 for export for the production of wood pulp, as wood fiber for the production  
18 of fiberboard and particleboard, and for the production of lumber, fireplace  
19 logs, methane, pelletized fuel, and animal feed supplements; and

20 WHEREAS land clearing provides an opportunity for the establishment of  
21 a wood fiber industry without the initial expenses of required reforestation  
22 and land regeneration;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it is the policy of  
24 the state to engage in public land clearing only after a coordinated effort  
25 by the state agencies involved to achieve the highest and best use of the  
26 wood cleared from the land, and that revenue produced from costs saved by  
27 the use of wood cleared from the land be credited against the cost of the  
28 project for which the land is cleared, and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the policy of the state that state agencies

1 making expenditures, including loans and grants, for the development of  
2 alternative energy and wood fiber utilization from timber clearing should  
3 cooperate to develop coordinated policies and objectives relating to timber  
4 and wood fiber utilization from land clearing; and be it

5       FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor is respectfully requested to direct  
6 the commissioner of natural resources to include in his report submitted to  
7 the legislature under AS 41.17.070(b) the outcome of discussions and measures  
8 taken to coordinate policies and objectives relating to timber and wood  
9 fiber utilization from land clearing.

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