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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the development of a

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plan for Alaska agricultural develop-

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ment.

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

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WHEREAS it is the policy of the legislature to promote a diversified

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and stable renewable resource economy through the investment of nonrenewable

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resource revenues; and

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WHEREAS the development of agricultural production is an important

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facet of the renewable resource economy; and

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WHEREAS the objective of the state is to develop economically viable,

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environmentally sound, and energy efficient agricultural production to

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diversify and stabilize the economy of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS the legislature determines that the agricultural development

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goals of the state are to

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(1) promote self-sufficiency and to decrease dependency on

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imported foods;

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(2) provide opportunities for Alaskans to produce their own food

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individually and collectively;

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(3) provide employment for Alaskans;

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(4) provide nutritional food products from local sources for

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Alaskans;

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(5) phase out state financing and subsidies for agriculture;

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(6) encourage the export of surplus agricultural products; and

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(7) ensure that agricultural development proceeds with sound

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environmental practices and energy efficiency;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
2 the Governor to direct the Alaska Agricultural Action Council to coordinate  
3 the preparation of a 10-year plan for accomplishing the goals of the state  
4 in the development of agriculture in cooperation with the Departments of  
5 Natural Resources, Fish and Game, Transportation and Public Facilities,  
6 Environmental Conservation, and Community and Regional Affairs; the Univer-  
7 sity of Alaska; the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and of the Interior;  
8 private landowners of agricultural land; individuals involved in commercial,  
9 small, and subsistence agriculture; and lending institutions with the capac-  
10 ity for lending for agricultural purposes; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct  
12 the Alaska Agricultural Action Council to submit a plan to the legislature  
13 by the 45th day of the Second Session of the Twelfth Legislature containing

14 (1) information concerning the economic and financial situation  
15 of agricultural development necessary to evaluate and support agricultural  
16 development projects;

17 (2) a planning process to update annually the agricultural plan  
18 and its 10-year projections;

19 (3) a planning process to examine annually the long-range economic  
20 viability of the existing state agriculture industry, future developments  
21 proposed in the agricultural plan, and the distribution of economic and  
22 noneconomic benefits and costs;

23 (4) recommendations for changes in the organization of state  
24 government to implement the agricultural plan efficiently;

25 (5) programs for state support of small-scale and subsistence  
26 agriculture;

27 (6) recommendations for research and development, education, and  
28 extension services necessary to support the plan;

29 (7) a budget for the upcoming fiscal year for continuing and new

1 state agricultural programs;

2 (8) the cost of associated capital and infrastructure require-  
3 ments;

4 (9) projections of the marketing needs of Alaskan agricultural  
5 production;

6 (10) plans to maintain agricultural land for agricultural uses;

7 (11) methods to ensure that agricultural development is compatible  
8 with the optimum uses of other resources, including timber and fish and  
9 game; and

10 (12) methods to ensure that agricultural development will proceed  
11 with sound environmental practices and energy efficiency.

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