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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29 (Finance) am
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Relating to the development of a
6 plan for Alaska agricultural develop-
7 ment.

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

9 WHEREAS it is the policy of the legislature to promote a diversified
10 and stable renewable resource economy through the investment of nonrenewable
11 resource revenues; and

12 WHEREAS the development of agricultural production is an important
13 facet of the renewable resource economy; and

14 WHEREAS the objective of the state is to develop economically viable,
15 environmentally sound, and energy efficient agricultural production to
16 diversify and stabilize the economy of Alaska; and

17 WHEREAS the legislature determines that the agricultural development
18 goals of the state are to

- 19 (1) promote self-sufficiency and to decrease dependency on
20 imported foods;
- 21 (2) provide opportunities for Alaskans to produce their own food
22 individually and collectively;
- 23 (3) provide employment for Alaskans;
- 24 (4) provide nutritional food products from local sources for
25 Alaskans;
- 26 (5) develop a self-supporting agriculture industry in Alaska;
- 27 (6) encourage the export of surplus agricultural products; and
- 28 (7) ensure that agricultural development proceeds with sound
29 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; the
8 Alaska Association of Soil Conservation Subdistricts; private landowners of
9 agricultural land; individuals involved in commercial, small, and subsis-
10 tence agriculture; and lending institutions with the capacity for lending
11 for agricultural purposes; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
13 the Alaska Agricultural Action Council to submit a report to the legisla-
14 ture; the report shall contain

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (7) a budget for the upcoming fiscal year for continuing and new
2 state agricultural programs;

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

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

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

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

11 (12) methods to ensure that agricultural development will proceed
12 with sound environmental practices and energy efficiency; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
14 the Alaska Agricultural Action Council to submit its first report to the
15 legislature by the 15th day of the Second Session of the Twelfth Legislature
16 and to submit its second and final report by the 15th day of the First
17 Session of the Thirteenth Legislature; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED that the president of the Senate and the speaker of
19 the house of representatives shall each appoint a member from his house of
20 the legislature as liaison from the legislature to the Alaska Agricultural
21 Action Council in its preparation of the reports requested under this resolu-
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