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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the policy of the legis-
6 lature concerning telecommunications.

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

8 WHEREAS a significant and increasing amount of public money is being
9 invested in telecommunications systems; and

10 WHEREAS the private sector that deals in Alaska telecommunications has
11 faced increasing competition from government as a result of increasing state
12 wealth and expenditures for telecommunications; and

13 WHEREAS the private sector is the foundation and vitality of the American
14 economic system; and

15 WHEREAS state government should encourage private enterprise and incen-
16 tive; and

17 WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature has not adopted a policy regarding
18 the burgeoning telecommunications system;

19 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature shall consider the
20 following guidelines when considering telecommunications appropriations:

21 (1) to the extent possible, the divisions of telecommunications
22 should procure services from private enterprise or certified and franchised
23 utilities and contract for the construction, management, operation, and
24 maintenance of telecommunications systems;

25 (2) to the extent possible, the divisions of telecommunications
26 should reduce or eliminate airwave interference of state-owned or financed
27 stations with privately owned and operated cable television stations;

28 (3) unnecessary regulatory and government barriers which impede
29 growth and development of new and innovative services by the private sector

1 should be removed;

2 (4) companies owned and operated by residents of Alaska and based
3 in Alaska should be considered before companies from other states when tele-
4 communications goods or services are needed from the private sector;

5 (5) Alaska's villages should have the opportunity to own, operate,
6 and maintain their own satellite earth stations;

7 (6) in-state programming beneficial to both urban and rural resi-
8 dents should be cost effective and the production of these programs should be
9 available to the private sector on a contract or bid basis; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature encourages commercial radio and
11 television news coverage of the legislative sessions by making equipment,
12 space, and satellite time available to the private sector.

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