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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56 (Finance)

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 amount of public money is being invested in tele-
9 communications systems; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature has not adopted a policy regarding
16 the burgeoning telecommunications system;

17 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature shall consider the
18 following guidelines when considering telecommunications legislation:

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

23 (2) to the extent possible, telecommunications services made
24 available to consumers by the private sector as a result of a project or
25 program financed with state money should be provided at no cost to the con-
26 sumers;

27 (3) unnecessary regulatory and government barriers that impede
28 growth and development of new and innovative services by the private sector
29 should be removed;

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

4 (5) Alaska's villages should have the opportunity to own, operate,
5 and maintain their own satellite earth stations or to contract with the
6 private sector for operation and maintenance of the 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 public and commercial
11 radio and television news coverage of the legislative sessions by making
12 equipment and satellite time that have already been purchased by the state
13 available to all members of the private sector.

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