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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

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

16 WHEREAS land clearing may provide an opportunity for the establishment
17 of a wood fiber industry without the initial expenses of required reforesta-
18 tion and land regeneration;

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it is the policy of
20 the state to engage in public land clearing with a coordinated effort by
21 state agencies and private individuals involved to achieve the highest and
22 best use of the wood cleared from each project, and that revenue produced
23 from costs saved by the use of wood cleared from the land be credited against
24 the cost of the project for which the land is cleared; and be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the policy of the state that state agencies
26 making expenditures, including loans and grants, for the development of
27 alternative energy and wood fiber utilization from timber clearing should
28 cooperate to develop coordinated policies and objectives relating to timber
29 and wood fiber utilization from land clearing; and be it

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

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