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2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR 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, for  
12 example, as a supplement to coal as a fuel in coal-fired electric boilers,  
13 as wood chips for export for the production of wood pulp, as wood fiber for  
14 the production of fiberboard and particleboard, and for the production of  
15 lumber, fireplace logs, alcohol, methane, pelletized fuel, and animal feed  
16 supplements; and

17 WHEREAS land clearing may provide opportunities for the use of valuable  
18 timber resources to assist existing or new economic activities;

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 involved in timber utilization, including state agencies making loans and  
27 grants for timber utilization activities and alternative energy development,  
28 should cooperate to develop coordinated policies and objectives relating to  
29 timber, wood pulp, and wood fiber utilization from land clearing; and be it

1       LEGISLATURE 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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