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HOUSE BILL NO. 580

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the prevention and abatement of
7 water pollution."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 46.03.010(b) is amended to read:

10 (b) It is the policy of the state to improve and coordinate the
11 environmental plans, functions, powers and programs of the state, in
12 cooperation with the federal government, regions, local governments,
13 other public and private organizations and concerned individuals, and
14 to develop and manage the basic resources of water, land and air in an
15 economically and environmentally sound manner to the end that the
16 state may fulfill its responsibility as trustee of the environment for
17 the present and future generations.

18 * Sec. 2. AS 46.03.070 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 46.03.070. POLLUTION STANDARDS. After public hearing, the
20 department may adopt standards and make them public and determine what
21 qualities and properties of water indicate a polluted condition
22 actually or potentially deleterious, harmful, detrimental or injurious
23 to the public health, safety or welfare, to terrestrial and aquatic
24 life or their growth and propagation, or to the use of waters for
25 domestic, mining, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational,
26 or other reasonable purposes.

27 * Sec. 3. AS 46.03.080 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 46.03.080. QUALITY AND PURITY STANDARDS. After study and
29 public hearings held upon due notice, the department may establish

1 standards of quality and purity or group the designated waters of the
2 state into classes as to minimum quality and purity, or both. The
3 department shall classify waters in the interest of the public after
4 consideration of economic data and past and present usage [IN ACCOR-
5 DANCE WITH CONSIDERATIONS OF BEST USAGE IN THE INTEREST OF THE
6 PUBLIC]. The department may alter and modify classifications after
7 hearing.