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Referred: Rules

Original sponsor: Shultz

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51 (Resources)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 Relating to the appointment of a Delta  
6 Junction bison range advisory committee.  
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
8 WHEREAS the Delta Junction bison herd is a highly valued state wild-  
9 life resource; and  
10 WHEREAS drawing permits issued for the hunting of Delta Junction bison  
11 constitute a valuable source of state revenue; and  
12 WHEREAS the Delta Junction bison herd has established the Delta agri-  
13 cultural project as a fall and winter range; and  
14 WHEREAS the feeding, wallowing, and traveling by the Delta Junction  
15 bison herd within the Delta agricultural project has resulted in damage to  
16 crops, monetary loss to local farmers, legal conflicts, and physical harm  
17 to the herd; and  
18 WHEREAS the bison range concept is a proven means of keeping bison in  
19 an area as long as adequate forage is available on the range; and  
20 WHEREAS the current state of development of the Delta Junction bison  
21 range area is inadequate to sustain bison for more than a few weeks; and  
22 WHEREAS the expansion of available forage on the Delta Junction bison  
23 range area is required to provide a winter range for the Delta Junction  
24 bison herd and to effectively keep the herd from grazing within the Delta  
25 agricultural project;  
26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is  
27 requested to appoint a nine-member Delta Junction Bison Range Advisory  
28 Committee with members representing the following interests:  
29 (1) two members representing the Delta agricultural project;

1           (2) two members representing Delta Junction sport hunters and  
2 the state fish and game advisory committee;

3           (3) one member representing nonconsumptive wildlife users;

4           (4) one member representing timber, mining and other consumptive  
5 natural resource industries;

6           (5) one member representing the tourism industry; and

7           (6) two members representing the adjacent residential areas to  
8 be affected by development of the Delta Junction Bison Range; and be it

9           FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor is requested to provide that the  
10 committee shall consult with and offer its advice to the Department of Fish  
11 and Game, the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, and the  
12 Alaska Agricultural Action Council, on matters relating to the game manage-  
13 ment plan required under AS 16.20.310; and to provide that a member of the  
14 advisory committee is not entitled to per diem, travel, or other  
15 compensation from the state for the performance of acts as a committee  
16 member.