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Referred: Rules

Original sponsor: Shultz and Liska

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51 (Resources) am
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 appointed statewide identified as potential
8 users of the bison herd; 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 compensa-
15 tion from the state for the performance of acts as a committee member.