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BY THE LABOR AND  
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52 (L&C)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the poor economic condition  
6 of Alaska coastal communities.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS coastal communities throughout the state are having severe  
9 economic problems; and

10 WHEREAS these economic problems are only partially due to fluctuations  
11 in the fisheries resource and markets; and

12 WHEREAS many coastal communities continue to lack the infrastructure  
13 and financial resources vital to a healthy economy; and

14 WHEREAS the people in these communities are suffering hardship because  
15 of lack of income and employment opportunities; and

16 WHEREAS the commercial fisheries income to several coastal communities  
17 has decreased dramatically in recent years due to reduced catches and  
18 prices; and

19 WHEREAS the requests for deferrals for payments on state fisheries  
20 loans have rapidly increased indicating the critical status of the coastal  
21 economy; and

22 WHEREAS both large and small seafood processors have gone bankrupt or  
23 are not able to operate profitably due to fluctuating production and uncer-  
24 tain national and international markets; and

25 WHEREAS the people most effected by this poor economic climate are  
26 rural Alaska residents; and

27 WHEREAS the economic viability of the coastal economy is of vital  
28 importance to all the people of Alaska;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is

1 urgently requested to undertake a complete analysis into this economic  
2 downturn and the avenues available to the state to improve the economy of  
3 coastal communities; and be it

4       FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to utilize whatever  
5 means or resources identified in the analysis to immediately counter this  
6 economic disaster in order to ensure the long-term viability of the economy  
7 of Alaska.