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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the establishment of a

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Legislative Research Agency.

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

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WHEREAS many of the public policy issues and options confronting

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Alaska are of great complexity; and

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WHEREAS decisions on them should be predicated on solid research and

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analysis; and

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WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature requires objective research to

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support the body in its decision making; and

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WHEREAS research services should be available on a nonpartisan basis

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to all members of the Alaska State Legislature; and

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WHEREAS legislative research needs arise year-round and are not limit-

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ed to those months when the body is in session; and

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WHEREAS, to assure nonpartisan research, research policies for the

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Legislature should be set by a bipartisan group; and

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WHEREAS, to insure objective research on a nonpartisan basis, employ-

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ees performing research should be of permanent status and not subject to

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removal for political reasons; and

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WHEREAS permanent employees of the Legislative Affairs Agency and the

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Legislative Finance and Audit Divisions have provided valuable legal and

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fiscal research for Alaska legislators;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature establishes a perma-

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nent research staff with a research director, to be known as the Legisla-

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tive Research Agency; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that a permanent committee is established to set

1 policies for the agency. The committee consists of the president of the
2 senate, the speaker of the house, the minority leader of the senate, the
3 minority leader of the house and the chair and vice-chair of the Legisla-
4 tive Council. If a presiding officer is chair or vice-chair of the Legis-
5 lative Council, another member of the Legislative Council from that house
6 shall be appointed by the presiding officer as a member of the committee.