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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to management of state con-
6 struction materials.

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

8 WHEREAS sand, gravel, quarry rock, and other construction materials
9 represent some of the critical resources needed for the development of the
10 state; and

11 WHEREAS \$120,000,000 worth of sand and gravel aggregate was sold in
12 the state in 1983, a 36 percent increase over 1982, and sand and gravel
13 aggregate are second only to oil and gas in dollar value among the state's
14 nonrenewable resources; and

15 WHEREAS the state is minimally aware of the distribution and reserves
16 of sand, gravel, quarry rock, and other construction materials in Alaska;
17 and

18 WHEREAS the state has inadequate knowledge of the value of the con-
19 struction materials on state land and receives less revenue than it should
20 receive for material sales; and

21 WHEREAS the governor's July 23, 1983, statement of goals provided that
22 "increasing demand for sand and gravel compel adequate inventory and active
23 management of those materials;" and

24 WHEREAS in many areas of Alaska no state reserves of construction
25 materials have been set aside and the Department of Transportation and
26 Public Facilities is paying exorbitant prices for materials, greatly and
27 unnecessarily increasing construction and maintenance costs; and

28 WHEREAS large amounts of sand and gravel are needed on the North Slope
29 for gravel islands, roads, airstrips, and causeways; and

1 WHEREAS sand and gravel needed in Bethel is presently shipped over
2 distances of 40 - 100 miles; and

3 WHEREAS in Anchorage, local sand and gravel supplies have been ex-
4 hausted and materials are presently being hauled from the Matanuska-Susitna
5 Valley; and

6 WHEREAS material reserves along the Alaska Railroad corridor are
7 unknown; and

8 WHEREAS sand and gravel reserves will be needed to meet development
9 needs throughout the state for proposed projects, including the Seward
10 Port, support facilities for the U.S. Borax Mine near Ketchikan, a road to
11 the Red Dog Mine, and on-shore oil-related facilities in the Bering
12 Sea/Norton Sound;

13 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the Depart-
14 ment of Natural Resources to carry out a program to identify, inventory,
15 and set aside long-term reserves of construction materials on a statewide
16 basis and to establish a state management methodology for the utilization
17 of those identified reserves.