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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to a statewide energy policy.

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

7 WHEREAS Alaska ranks first in per capita energy consumption among all  
8 states in the nation; and

9 WHEREAS the per capita energy consumption of Alaskans is three times  
10 that of the national average; and

11 WHEREAS energy subsidies may result in higher levels of demand and a  
12 reliance on less efficient fuels; and

13 WHEREAS energy subsidies do not provide utilities with an incentive to  
14 improve their efficiency; and

15 WHEREAS energy subsidies encourage wasteful consumer habits and inef-  
16 ficient energy generation that can only be sustained by further subsidies;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS declining oil revenues may result in decreased funding of  
19 state energy subsidy programs; and

20 WHEREAS existing energy subsidies create conflicting state policy  
21 toward energy conservation and consumption; and

22 WHEREAS energy conservation practices translate into an economically  
23 efficient use of energy; and

24 WHEREAS conflicting policies exist regarding the value and best use of  
25 the state's royalty share of energy resources; and

26 WHEREAS the state has spent more than \$1,700,000,000 on energy  
27 programs in the past 10 years without having adopted a formal energy  
28 policy;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Governor to

1 direct the administration to develop a comprehensive and equitable state-  
2 wide energy policy that encourages the efficient use of energy; and be it  
3       FURTHER RESOLVED that existing state energy subsidy programs be re-  
4 viewed and that, where possible, these programs be made consistent with  
5 this policy.