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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to state assumption of federal-

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ly mandated programs.

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

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WHEREAS 33 U.S.C. 1342 of the federal Clean Water Act of 1977 (33

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U.S.C. 1251 - 1376) allows a state to take over from the federal government

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the administration of the Act's permit program for discharges into the

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navigable waters within the jurisdiction of the state; and

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WHEREAS other federal environmental statutes also allow a state to

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take over from the federal government the administration of the program

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mandated by the statutes; and

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WHEREAS the state has a better understanding than the federal govern-

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ment of the difficult issues that are involved in balancing the protection

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of the fragile environment and the promotion of the economic and recre-

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ational needs and desires of the state;

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

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respectfully requested to

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(1) investigate the statutory changes that would be required for

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the state to take over from the federal government the federal environ-

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mental programs that a state may administer, and the possible advantages

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and disadvantages involved in the assumption by the state of the adminis-

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tration of the programs; and

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(2) report the results of the investigation to the First Session

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of the Fifteenth Legislature; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to take

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the steps necessary for the state to take over from the federal government

1 under 33 U.S.C. 1342 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 the permit program for
2 discharges into the navigable waters within the jurisdiction of the state.