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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

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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 the use of Alaskan wood.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

7 WHEREAS the state has been importing annually the equivalent of at  
8 least 100,000,000 board feet of dimension lumber; and

9 WHEREAS Alaska's forests could provide much of the state's domestic  
10 needs for wood products; and

11 WHEREAS 8 to 10 jobs would be generated directly and indirectly for  
12 each 1,000,000 board feet of timber harvested and processed into lumber  
13 locally; and

14 WHEREAS the utilization of local wood for domestic purposes would  
15 stimulate the state's forest products industry and help to diversify the  
16 economy of the state; and

17 WHEREAS, in recognition of the benefits derived from the uses of  
18 locally grown timber, previous legislatures have passed a Forest Products  
19 Preference Act, which provides:

20 Sec. 36.15.010. USE OF LOCAL FOREST PRODUCTS REQUIRED IN PROJ-  
21 ECTS FINANCED BY PUBLIC MONEY. In a project financed by state money  
22 in which the use of timber, lumber, and manufactured lumber products  
23 is required, only timber, lumber, and manufactured lumber products  
24 originating in this state from local forests shall be used wherever  
25 practicable.

26 Sec. 36.15.020. INSERTION OF CLAUSE IN CALLS FOR BIDS AND IN  
27 CONTRACTS. A clause containing the substance of AS 36.15.010 shall be  
28 inserted in all calls for bids and in all contracts awarded.

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that local and state governmental

1 agencies that routinely purchase wood or initiate the purchase of wood for  
2 domestic use should follow the existing provisions of law; and be it

3       FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic  
4 Development is encouraged to undertake an educational program to make the  
5 public aware of the overall advantages of using Alaskan wood wherever  
6 practicable in Alaskan construction; and be it

7       FURTHER RESOLVED that the owners of forest lands both public and  
8 private are encouraged to meet the domestic demand for forest products by  
9 supplying an adequate amount of timber for local processors and local  
10 manufacturers.