

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Relating to the use of helicopters and
6 snowmachines in Chugach State Park.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS the legislature designated Chugach State Park in 1970 to
9 provide for recreational opportunities, protect water supplies, provide for
10 wildlife viewing, and protect the wilderness of the eastern interior of the
11 park; and
12 WHEREAS the Chugach State Park Master Plan has recently been amended
13 to allow a major ski development near Eagle River, with ski slopes within
14 the park; and
15 WHEREAS other amendments to the master plan prohibited commercial
16 helicopter tour landings within the state park and snowmachine use in the
17 Eagle River Greenbelt; and
18 WHEREAS these uses are not prohibited by law and are important both to
19 users and potential users of the state park;
20 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
21 the Governor to advise the commissioner of natural resources to reconsider
22 the decisions to prohibit certain use of helicopters and snowmachines in
23 the state park and to allow the record on the decisions to be reopened for
24 public review and comment.
25 A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Judith M.
26 Brady, commissioner of natural resources.