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of the Joint Committee
on Economic Recovery

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54 (Finance)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Relating to the management of mobile
6 homes owned by the Alaska Housing Fi-
7 nance Corporation.
8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
9 WHEREAS the legislature finds that some portions of the state are
10 undergoing a substantial financial crisis in the residential housing mar-
11 ket; and
12 WHEREAS the financial crisis has resulted in financial institutions,
13 various mortgage insurers, nonstate institutional lenders, and state
14 agencies becoming owners of foreclosed-upon mobile homes; and
15 WHEREAS a portion of the vacant and unsaleable housing on the market
16 is substandard and should, if possible, be removed from the market; and
17 WHEREAS it has been noted that to some extent the financial insti-
18 tutions and state agencies have not yet developed a coherent policy that
19 addresses this crisis; and
20 WHEREAS the state is currently paying in excess of \$373,000 a month in
21 carrying costs for foreclosed-upon mobile homes; and
22 WHEREAS removing mobile homes from the market could save the state
23 considerable money, as well as strengthen the housing market; and
24 WHEREAS attempts to sell foreclosed-upon properties can unreasonably
25 depress the remainder of the housing market, endangering the strength of
26 the remainder of the portfolio of properties; and
27 WHEREAS removing the foreclosed-upon properties will strengthen the
28 remainder of the portfolio and would be in the best financial interest of

1 the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; and

2 WHEREAS a program of removing foreclosed-upon housing can be best
3 achieved if the various participants work cooperatively, each sharing in
4 the effort and expense;

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Alaska Housing
6 Finance Corporation should

7 (1) exercise prudent business judgment in managing its vacant
8 mobile homes;

9 (2) take immediate action to lower holding costs associated with
10 its foreclosed-upon mobile homes;

11 (3) consider removing foreclosed-upon mobile homes from the
12 market, if possible in concert with other institutional owners of fore-
13 closed residential properties; and

14 (4) analyze and implement alternative ways of managing its
15 foreclosed-upon mobile homes, including demolition, sales, storage in
16 storage lots and mobile home parks, and sales out of the market within and
17 outside of the state.

18 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Steve Cowper,
19 Governor; and to Ron Lehr, executive director, and the members of the Board
20 of Directors of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation.