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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the use of Alaska wood

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products.

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

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WHEREAS in the current economic climate it is especially important

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that public expenditures for forest products encourage utilization of

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Alaska produced wood; and

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WHEREAS to that end it is important that the state set a good example

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for others buying forest products, both in the public and private sectors

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of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS at present 85 percent of the forest products used in the state

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are imported from Canada and the "lower 48"; and

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WHEREAS recent laboratory tests comparing the compressive strengths

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and flexural strengths of Sitka Spruce, White Spruce, and Birch, of Alaska

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origin with second-growth Douglas Fir imported into the state demonstrate

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that Alaska Birch and White Spruce have greater compressive strength and

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flexural strength than the imported Douglas Fir, and the Sitka Spruce test

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results demonstrate only slightly less compressive strength and flexural

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strength than the imported Douglas Fir; and

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WHEREAS AS 36.15.050 requires preferential treatment for Alaska timber

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and lumber, when competitively priced, available, and of like quality

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compared with those products harvested or produced outside the state;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests

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the Governor to submit a report to the legislature within 60 days after the

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adoption of this resolution, specifying the orders, procedures, and admin-

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istrative practices that are being used to implement the present policy of

1 the law; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governor is respectfully requested to make
3 implementation of the law a matter of priority for the state, and, as re-
4 quired by law, to cause explicit reference to the provisions of AS 36.15.-
5 050 to be included in each contract that contemplates the use of wood or
6 wood products; and be it

7 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the commissioner of administration remind each
8 municipality and school district of the state of the provisions of AS 36.-
9 15.050 and the need for compliance with those provisions; and be it

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governor is requested to submit to the
11 legislature an annual report regarding the use of Alaska timber and lumber
12 under public contracts, with recommendations for improvements in the law.