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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

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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 prevailing wage rates.

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

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WHEREAS the Department of Labor most recently surveyed the prevailing  
8 wage rates for work performed by laborers, mechanics, and field surveyors  
9 on public construction in 1985 and issued a determination of prevailing  
10 wage rates on February 2, 1986; and

11 WHEREAS the state economy has declined since 1985, severely reducing  
12 the state's ability to fund needed public works projects; and

13 WHEREAS, in the last two years, construction unions have reduced the  
14 wage rates charged private contractors to protect jobs; and

15 WHEREAS the prevailing wage rates in the determination issued in 1986  
16 are, therefore, higher than the actual wage rates that prevail today; and

17 WHEREAS accurate prevailing wage rates would permit additional proj-  
18 ects to be built with the limited state funds available; and

19 WHEREAS having more projects under construction would increase the  
20 employment opportunities for construction workers in the state;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
22 the Governor to direct the commissioner of labor to conduct a survey of the  
23 wage rates paid by each firm engaged in private or public construction in  
24 the state that paid wages totalling at least \$500,000 in the last 12  
25 months, and that the commissioner make a new determination of the prevail-  
26 ing wage rates for work on public construction projects in the state based  
27 on the survey by July 1, 1987.