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BY THE LABOR AND  
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

1 IN THE SENATE

2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24 (L&C)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to prevailing wage rates.

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

7 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 1986 and issued a determination of prevailing  
10 wage rates on November 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 firms engaged in private or public construction in the  
24 state in the last 12 months, and that the commissioner make a new deter-  
25 mination of the prevailing wage rates for work on public construction pro-  
26 jects in the state based on the survey by July 1, 1987.