

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the transplanting of Sitka  
6 blacktail deer.

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

8 WHEREAS the transplanting of Sitka blacktail deer to the Kenai Penin-  
9 sula would improve winter tourism opportunities and benefit the local  
10 economy; and

11 WHEREAS transplanting deer would enable Kenai Peninsula residents to  
12 hunt deer in a safer, more convenient, and less expensive fashion; and

13 WHEREAS transplanting deer would afford easier road access to a deer  
14 hunting experience; and

15 WHEREAS the Chugach Islands off the southern tip of the Kenai Penin-  
16 sula have an ideal habitat for Sitka blacktail deer; and

17 WHEREAS it has been reported that a small herd of deer is surviving  
18 quite well in the Cooper Landing area of the Kenai Peninsula;

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is  
20 respectfully requested to direct the commissioner of fish and game to  
21 conduct a study to determine the feasibility of transplanting not more than  
22 100 Sitka blacktail deer from Kodiak Island to the Chugach Islands and the  
23 Kenai Peninsula mainland south of Seldovia, but not within the Kenai  
24 National Wildlife Refuge.

25 A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to Don W. Collinsworth, com-  
26 missioner of fish and game.