

Original sponsor: Resources Committee

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59 (Resources)
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 Sitka black-
22 tail deer to the Chugach Islands and the Kenai Peninsula mainland south of
23 Seldovia, but not within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.
24 A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to Don W. Collinsworth, com-
25 missioner of fish and game.