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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the recent increases in

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gasoline and oil prices in the state.

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

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WHEREAS the price of gasoline and oil for personal and business use

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has increased in the state since the oil spill occurred in Prince William

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Sound on March 24, 1989; and

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WHEREAS it is not known what factors contributed to the increased

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prices or whether the increases are connected to the oil spill; and

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WHEREAS the consumers of the state should not have to pay increased

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prices for oil and gasoline to help an oil company recover its costs and

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losses that are connected with the oil spill; and

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WHEREAS an inquiry should be made into the reasons for these price

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increases and whether the reasons would justify requiring the oil companies

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to reimburse consumers in the state for the increased prices that they have

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paid since the oil spill;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests

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the Governor to direct

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(1) the Department of Revenue to determine how much the price of

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oil and gasoline sold for a personal or business use in the state has

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increased since the oil spill, how these increases were distributed among

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the different types of oil and gasoline purchases, what the causes of the

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increases were, and how the increases were distributed among the consumers

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of the state; and

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(2) the Department of Law to research whether the consumers of

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the state are entitled to compensation from the oil companies for the

1 increases and what method could be used to obtain and distribute that  
2 compensation.