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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LABOR AND
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

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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 regulation of solid waste

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collection and disposal by the Alaska

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Public Utilities Commission.

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

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WHEREAS, under AS 42.05, the furnishing of services to collect and
10 dispose of garbage, refuse, trash, or other waste material is regulated as
11 a public utility to ensure the efficient, timely, safe, healthy, and en-
12 vironmentally sound handling of garbage and to ensure that potentially
13 hazardous garbage and waste is handled in a manner that promotes and pro-
14 tects the public health and environment; and

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WHEREAS the legislature has not substantively amended the laws reg-
16 ulating the collection and disposal of waste materials since 1980; and

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WHEREAS the Alaska Public Utilities Commission's practice has tended
18 to deregulate the collection and disposal of waste material and the commis-
19 sion has decided that it is not in the public interest to regulate the
20 number of providers of this service; and

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WHEREAS there are increasing environmental risks associated with the
22 disposal of waste material and technology to respond adequately to the
23 risks is only beginning to evolve;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it is in the
25 public interest to continue the regulation of services for collection and
26 disposal of garbage, refuse, trash, and other waste materials; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Public Utilities Commission should
28 regulate the collection and disposal of waste material as it regulates
29 other traditional public utility services.

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