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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to abandoned vessels on the

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beaches of Alaska.

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

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WHEREAS about 40 abandoned vessels, including merchant vessels, fish-

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ing vessels, and other vessels, are grounded on the coast of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS abandoned vessels are an environmental hazard and are aesthet-

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ically unpleasing; and

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WHEREAS the state does not have the resources to salvage or dispose of

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abandoned vessels; and

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WHEREAS the state does not currently have statutory authority to

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impose liability on the owners of abandoned vessels for the cost of salvag-

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ing or demolishing abandoned vessels; and

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WHEREAS communities are not compensated for the aesthetic and physical

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trespass resulting from abandoned vessels;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is

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respectfully requested to study the problems posed by abandoned vessels and

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to make appropriate recommendations to the First Session of the Seventeenth

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Alaska State Legislature for legislation necessary to remedy existing

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problems and prevent future problems.