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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53 (Transportation)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 Relating to abandoned vessels on the  
6 beaches of Alaska.  
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
8 WHEREAS many abandoned vessels, including merchant vessels, fishing  
9 vessels, and other vessels, are grounded on the coast of Alaska; and  
10 WHEREAS abandoned vessels are an environmental hazard and are aesthet-  
11 ically unpleasing; and  
12 WHEREAS the state does not have the resources to salvage or dispose of  
13 abandoned vessels; and  
14 WHEREAS the state does not currently have statutory authority to  
15 impose liability on the owners of abandoned vessels for the cost of salvag-  
16 ing or demolishing abandoned vessels; and  
17 WHEREAS communities are not compensated for the aesthetic and physical  
18 trespass resulting from abandoned vessels;  
19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is  
20 respectfully requested to study the problems posed by abandoned vessels and  
21 to make appropriate recommendations to the First Session of the Seventeenth  
22 Alaska State Legislature for legislation necessary to remedy existing  
23 problems and prevent future problems.