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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36 (Resources)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 Relating to global climate change.  
6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
7 WHEREAS there is evidence that the activities of humans are rapidly  
8 increasing the amount of greenhouse gases in the upper atmosphere through  
9 the burning of fossil fuels and are destroying the ozone layer through the  
10 use of CFC's and other chemicals; and  
11 WHEREAS the evidence is that the increase of these gases and the  
12 destruction of the ozone layer will lead to rapid warming of our climate;  
13 and  
14 WHEREAS rapid warming of our climate will lead to major environmental  
15 damage to ecosystems and improvements upon the land; and  
16 WHEREAS the people of Alaska have ample opportunities to reduce their  
17 use of fossil fuels and ozone-destroying chemicals and to better their  
18 standard of living through increased efficiency and available energy con-  
19 servation technology; and  
20 WHEREAS investigating what can be done now will reduce the future high  
21 cost of mitigating the likely damages that will result; and  
22 WHEREAS the State of Alaska should take a lead role in this issue for  
23 the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and  
24 WHEREAS the National Governors Association and the National Conference  
25 of State Legislatures are investigating potential actions that states may  
26 take to reduce global warming and are preparing recommendations for a  
27 national policy with regard to global climate change; and  
28 WHEREAS the governor of the State of New Jersey has issued an execu-  
29 tive order charging state entities in New Jersey to pursue policies and

1 conduct activities so as to reduce the threat of global climate change;  
2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is  
3 respectfully requested to investigate possible state policies and proce-  
4 dures that can be implemented to determine how the state can most effec-  
5 tively help to combat the problem of global climate change.