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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56 (Resources) am
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 warming of our climate; and
13 WHEREAS rapid warming of our climate will lead to major environmental
14 damage to ecosystems and improvements upon the land; and
15 WHEREAS the people of Alaska have ample opportunities to reduce their
16 use of fossil fuels and ozone-destroying chemicals and to better their
17 standard of living through increased efficiency and available energy con-
18 servation technology; and
19 WHEREAS investigating what can be done now will reduce the future high
20 cost of mitigating the likely damages that will result; and
21 WHEREAS the State of Alaska should take a lead role in this issue for
22 the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and
23 WHEREAS the National Governors Association and the National Conference
24 of State Legislatures are investigating potential actions that states may
25 take to reduce global warming and are preparing recommendations for a
26 national policy with regard to global climate change; and
27 WHEREAS the governor of the State of New Jersey has issued an execu-
28 tive order charging state entities in New Jersey to pursue policies and
29 conduct activities so as to reduce the threat of global climate change;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is
2 respectfully requested to investigate possible state policies and proce-
3 dures that can be implemented, if necessary, to determine how the state can
4 most effectively help to combat global climate change.