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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2 (Resources)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Supporting the development of Hatcher
6 Pass Ski Area.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
8 WHEREAS the State has made a commitment to the development of the
9 tourism industry in Alaska; and
10 WHEREAS the Hatcher Pass area of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has
11 long been considered a premium location for an international class alpine
12 ski area; and
13 WHEREAS the potential exists for Hatcher Pass to become an interna-
14 tional destination resort with recreational, residential, and commercial
15 facilities; and
16 WHEREAS several Olympic ski teams have travelled to the Hatcher Pass
17 area to train for the Olympics; and
18 WHEREAS the Hatcher Pass Management Plan developed by the Department
19 of Natural Resources, in conjunction with a citizen advisory committee,
20 recognizes the superb potential for recreational and ski area development;
21 and
22 WHEREAS Mitsui & Co., Ltd. of Japan entered into a 55-year lease
23 agreement with the Department of Natural Resources for future development
24 of the Hatcher Pass Ski Area; and
25 WHEREAS Mitsui & Co., Ltd. has prepared a Conceptual Development Plan
26 to introduce the citizens of Alaska to the company's ideas for development
27 of the Hatcher Pass Ski Area; and
28 WHEREAS the Conceptual Development Plan has been submitted for ap-
29 proval to the Department of Natural Resources; and

1 WHEREAS Mitsui & Co., Ltd. has encouraged and solicited public comment
2 on this plan;

3 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives supports the commit-
4 ment of Mitsui & Co., Ltd. to the development of the Hatcher Pass Ski Area;
5 and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives supports Mitsui &
7 Co., Ltd. in its plan to develop a year-round international destination
8 resort at Hatcher Pass.