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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5 (State Affairs)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting a hiring freeze for state  
6 employees.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

8 WHEREAS from September 1987 to September 1988 the actual number of  
9 state government employees increased by seven percent, an increase of over  
10 1,000 jobs; and

11 WHEREAS 31.3 percent of the state operating budget for fiscal year  
12 1989 was allocated to the costs of personal services; and

13 WHEREAS the Governor has proposed the addition of 307 new budgeted  
14 full-time equivalent positions in the fiscal year 1990 operating budget;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS the state is facing a budget shortfall in excess of  
17 \$250,000,000 in fiscal year 1990; and

18 WHEREAS reduced spending for state operations will likely be necessary  
19 to meet the budget shortfall; and

20 WHEREAS the continued growth of the state budget must be halted in the  
21 face of declining oil revenues; and

22 WHEREAS the decision to avoid hiring state employees rather than  
23 resorting to layoffs is fairer to current employees; and

24 WHEREAS reducing the number of state positions through the process of  
25 attrition allows for both immediate and long-term savings in personnel  
26 costs;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully requests  
28 the Governor to institute an immediate hiring freeze for all positions  
29 except those temporary positions needed to respond to emergencies or needed

1 for reasons involving health and safety.