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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5 (Finance)
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 operating budget includes the addition of over 400 new
14 budgeted full-time equivalent positions in the fiscal year 1990 operating
15 budget; and
16 WHEREAS the state is facing a budget shortfall in fiscal year 1990;
17 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.