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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to information about deductions

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from permanent fund dividends provided

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by the Department of Revenue.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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WHEREAS the permanent fund dividend program was created to provide a direct link between Alaskans and the permanent fund they created through a constitutional amendment; and

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WHEREAS it is important for Alaskans to be fully informed about the methods and procedures that determine the amount of the annual dividend check; and

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WHEREAS existing law requires the Department of Revenue to inform Alaskans about some deductions taken from dividend checks and the department has elected to provide information about other deductions; and

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WHEREAS items listed as deductions on the 1989 permanent fund dividend check stub lacked sufficient explanation to adequately inform Alaskans of the nature and reasons for the deductions, and this has resulted in needless alarm and confusion on the part of dividend recipients; and

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WHEREAS it is necessary that positive action be taken to address the problem of public misunderstanding of the deductions listed on 1989 permanent fund dividend checks and to assure that Alaskans receive a comprehensive explanation of any future deductions;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully requests the Governor to direct the Department of Revenue to include a comprehensive explanation of the 1989 deductions on the 1990 permanent fund application form and on the 1990 check stub along with a full explanation of any

1 deductions affecting the 1990 checks; and be it

2       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the deductions listed on the 1989 permanent fund  
3 dividend checks for sex offender treatment and gate money for released  
4 prisoners and the violent crimes compensation board be listed as "pluses"  
5 on the 1990 dividend checks if those funds are restored by the legislature  
6 and included in the 1990 dividends.