

1 IN THE SENATE BY SZYMANSKI AND KERTTULA
2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Relating to hydrogeological surveys on
6 the Kenai Peninsula.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS the cities of Nikiski, Kenai, and Soldotna and their surround-
9 ing communities include areas of extensive oil, gas, chemical, and indus-
10 trial activity; and
11 WHEREAS these activities can contaminate water supplies when the
12 movement of underground water is not understood; and
13 WHEREAS the United States Geological Survey has conducted limited
14 hydrogeological surveys on the Kenai Peninsula; and
15 WHEREAS in April 1988 a hydrogeological evaluation was proposed for
16 the area around Sterling, Alaska, by the Department of Natural Resources,
17 division of geological and geophysical surveys, to provide information
18 about the ground water movement in the area; and
19 WHEREAS hydrogeological information would be very useful in locating
20 facilities to handle future waste from Nikiski, Kenai, Soldotna, and their
21 surrounding areas and in alleviating the problems of contamination that
22 have occurred or may occur in the area; and
23 WHEREAS the activities in the North Kenai industrial complex area
24 around Nikiski that generate the wastes and cause these problems also
25 significantly benefit the entire state financially; and
26 WHEREAS hydrogeological surveys should be performed for Nikiski,
27 Kenai, Soldotna, and their surrounding areas and not just the Sterling
28 area;
29 BE IT RESOLVED that in order for the oil, gas, chemical, and

1 industrial production in the Nikiski and central Kenai Peninsula areas to
2 continue in a manner that is consistent with the protection of the resi-
3 dents, visitors, water supplies, and resources of the Kenai Peninsula, the
4 Alaska State Legislature urges the Governor to direct the division of
5 geological and geophysical surveys in the Department of Natural Resources

6 (1) to perform hydrogeological surveys of those parts of the
7 Nikiski and central Kenai Peninsula areas that have not been surveyed by
8 the United States Geological Survey to determine the movement and geology
9 of the ground water in those areas; and

10 (2) to produce a comprehensive report for the Nikiski and cen-
11 tral Kenai Peninsula areas based on the department's studies and the United
12 States Geological Survey studies.