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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15 (Finance)
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; and
12 WHEREAS contamination of water supplies may be more effectively con-
13 trolled when the movement of underground water is understood; and
14 WHEREAS the United States Geological Survey has conducted limited
15 hydrogeological surveys on the Kenai Peninsula; and
16 WHEREAS in April 1988 a hydrogeological evaluation was proposed for
17 the area around Sterling, Alaska, by the Department of Natural Resources,
18 division of geological and geophysical surveys, to provide information
19 about the ground water movement in the area; and
20 WHEREAS hydrogeological information would be very useful in locating
21 facilities to handle future waste from Nikiski, Kenai, Soldotna, and their
22 surrounding areas and in alleviating the problems of contamination that
23 have occurred or may occur in the area; and
24 WHEREAS hydrogeological surveys should be performed for Nikiski,
25 Kenai, Soldotna, and their surrounding areas and not just for the Sterling
26 area;
27 BE IT RESOLVED that in order for the oil, gas, chemical, and indus-
28 trial production in the Nikiski and central Kenai Peninsula areas to con-
29 tinue in a manner that is consistent with the protection of the residents,

1 visitors, water supplies, and resources of the Kenai Peninsula, the Alaska
2 State Legislature urges the Governor to direct the division of geological
3 and geophysical surveys in the Department of Natural Resources, consistent
4 with department priorities,

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

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