

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Supporting the development of Hatcher

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Pass Ski Area.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS the state has made a commitment to the development of the  
9 tourism industry in Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS the Hatcher Pass area of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has  
11 long been considered a premium location for an international class alpine  
12 ski area; and

13 WHEREAS the potential exists for Hatcher Pass to become an interna-  
14 tional destination resort with recreational, residential, and commercial  
15 facilities; and

16 WHEREAS several Olympic ski teams have travelled to the Hatcher Pass  
17 area to train for the Olympics; and

18 WHEREAS the Hatcher Pass Management Plan developed by the Department  
19 of Natural Resources, in conjunction with a citizen advisory committee,  
20 recognizes the superb potential for recreational and ski area development;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS Mitsui & Co., Ltd. of Japan entered into a 55-year lease  
23 agreement with the Department of Natural Resources for future development  
24 of the Hatcher Pass Ski Area; and

25 WHEREAS Mitsui & Co., Ltd. has prepared a draft Conceptual Development  
26 Plan to introduce the citizens of Alaska to the company's ideas for devel-  
27 opment of the Hatcher Pass Ski Area; and

28 WHEREAS the Conceptual Development Plan has been submitted for ap-  
29 proval to the Department of Natural Resources; and

1       WHEREAS Mitsui & Co., Ltd. has encouraged and solicited public comment  
2 on this draft plan;

3       BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the commit-  
4 ment of Mitsui & Co., Ltd. to the development of the Hatcher Pass Ski Area;  
5 and be it

6       FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to en-  
7 courage the Department of Natural Resources to approve the Conceptual  
8 Development Plan for the development of the Hatcher Pass Ski Area.