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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

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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 small businesses in the

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state.

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

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WHEREAS in November 1989 the Governor's Conference on Small Business

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issued a comprehensive report on the condition of small businesses in the

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state; and

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WHEREAS the report highlights the most significant problems facing

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small businesses in the state and makes recommendations for solving the

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problems; and

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WHEREAS representatives from the small business community from all

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regions of the state have dedicated considerable time and effort to prepar-

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ing the report and to resolving the problems facing small businesses; and

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WHEREAS the small business community forms an integral part of the

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state's growing economy; and

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WHEREAS in order to promote the economic growth of small businesses in

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the state, a small business conference should be held on a continuing basis

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every other year; and

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WHEREAS small businesses have unique public policy concerns that are

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not adequately addressed at present; and

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WHEREAS the economic development of small businesses in the state

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would be advanced if all relevant boards and commissions contained at least

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one person from the small business community;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests

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the governor to

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(1) implement to the extent possible the final recommendations

1 made by the Governor's Conference on Small Business;

2 (2) direct the Department of Commerce and Economic Development
3 to prescribe by administrative order that a small business conference
4 funded jointly by private businesses and the state be held every other
5 year;

6 (3) appoint at least one person from the small business commu-
7 nity to each state board and commission that handles issues that are rele-
8 vant to small business development in the state; and

9 (4) direct the division of business development in the Depart-
10 ment of Commerce and Economic Development to coordinate the handling of
11 small business issues by state agencies.