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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8 (State Affairs)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Requesting a hiring freeze for state
6 employees.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:
8 WHEREAS from September 1987 to September 1988 the actual number of
9 state government employees increased by seven percent, an increase of over
10 1,000 jobs; and
11 WHEREAS 31.3 percent of the state operating budget for fiscal year
12 1989 was allocated to the costs of personal services; and
13 WHEREAS the Governor has proposed the addition of 307 new budgeted
14 full-time equivalent positions in the fiscal year 1990 operating budget;
15 and
16 WHEREAS the state is facing a budget deficit in excess of \$255,000,000
17 for fiscal year 1990 under the mid-case analysis in the March 1989 revenue
18 forecast of the Department of Revenue; and
19 WHEREAS reduced spending for state operations will likely be necessary
20 to meet the budget deficit; and
21 WHEREAS the continued growth of the state budget must be halted in the
22 face of declining oil revenues; and
23 WHEREAS the decision to avoid hiring state employees rather than
24 resorting to layoffs is fairer to current employees; and
25 WHEREAS reducing the number of state positions through the process of
26 attrition allows for both immediate and long-term savings in personnel
27 costs;
28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate respectfully requests the Governor to
29 institute an immediate hiring freeze for all positions except those needed

1 to respond to emergencies or needed for reasons involving health and safe-
2 ty.