

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Labor & Commerce, State Affairs

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to a state materials exchange.

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

3 WHEREAS an industrial materials exchange provides for the reuse and recycling of
4 industrial materials; and

5 WHEREAS the implementation of an industrial materials exchange in the state would
6 result in significant environmental and economic benefits to the state, including resource and
7 energy conservation, protection of the environment, and reduce demands on traditional
8 methods of disposal; and

9 WHEREAS it is estimated that United States and Canadian industry annually save
10 \$27,000,000 and the energy equivalent of 100,000 barrels of oil by using materials exchanges;
11 and

12 WHEREAS an Alaska materials exchange would encourage and enable Alaska
13 industry to be more efficient in its use of natural resources; and

14 WHEREAS an Alaska materials exchange would directly benefit the communities in
15 the state by extending the life of local landfills; and

16 WHEREAS an Alaska materials exchange would benefit all residents of the state by
17 reducing the cost of doing business in the state and by decreasing the effect of industry on the

1 environment; and

2 **WHEREAS** two companies in the Prudhoe Bay oil development community have
3 voluntarily committed their valuable resources to establish an Alaska materials exchange; and

4 **WHEREAS** a fully operational Alaska materials exchange could operate in the private
5 sector with little or no cost to state government; and

6 **WHEREAS** an Alaska materials exchange would demonstrate the value of cooperation
7 among different industries in the state and between industry and government; and

8 **WHEREAS** the Pollution Prevention Office in the Department of Environmental
9 Conservation has been established to foster the type of nonregulatory pollution prevention
10 partnerships represented by an Alaska materials exchange;

11 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the establishment of
12 an Alaska materials exchange and encourages businesses in the state to participate in the
13 exchange; and be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
15 Governor to direct the commissioner of environmental conservation to continue working with
16 industry to establish an Alaska materials exchange; and be it

17 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
18 Governor to proclaim March 1994 Alaska Materials Exchange Month in order to encourage
19 participation in an Alaska materials exchange.