

**CS FOR SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2(HES) am**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Amended: 5/5/94**  
**Offered: 3/16/93**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS DONLEY, Phillips, Sharp, Leman, Pearce, Frank, Miller, Rieger, Taylor, Zharoff**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Urging the Environmental Protection Agency to request a moratorium from the**  
**2 Congress for the MTBE oxygenated fuels programs in Anchorage and Fairbanks,**  
**3 Alaska.**

**4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

**5 WHEREAS preliminary findings from an epidemiology study performed by the**  
**6 Department of Health and Social Services, released on December 23, 1992, led to the**  
**7 recommendation that the oxygenated fuels program in Anchorage should be suspended; and**

**8 WHEREAS preliminary findings from an epidemiology study performed by the**  
**9 Department of Health and Social Services, released on December 11, 1992, led to the**  
**10 recommendation that the oxygenated fuels program in Fairbanks should be suspended; and**

**11 WHEREAS the health effects of blending methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) with**  
**12 gasoline are unknown, especially in exceptionally cold climates such as in Anchorage and**  
**13 Fairbanks; and**

**14 WHEREAS a significant number of Anchorage and Fairbanks residents have asked**  
**15 for a suspension of the MTBE oxygenated fuels program through petition signatures, opinions**  
**16 expressed at public forums, letters, phone calls, and public opinion messages to legislators;**

1 and

2           **WHEREAS** there are other methods, such as natural gas vehicles and increased bus  
3 service, for reducing carbon monoxide pollution; and

4           **WHEREAS** the oxygenated fuels program could be reintroduced if the cold weather  
5 health effects of MTBE-blended oxyfuels are determined to be safe to human health;

6           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Senate urges the Environmental Protection  
7 Agency to request a moratorium from the Congress for the Anchorage and Fairbanks  
8 oxygenated fuels programs so that they are not resumed for the winter of 1994 - 1995 unless  
9 complete and conclusive studies clearly show that MTBE-blended fuels are not harmful to our  
10 citizens' health and that MTBE-blended fuels are the most effective way to reduce carbon  
11 monoxide pollution in Anchorage and Fairbanks.

12           **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to Carol M. Browner, Administrator of the  
13 Environmental Protection Agency; to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank  
14 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of  
15 the Alaska delegation in Congress; and to the Honorable Tom Fink, Mayor, Municipality of  
16 Anchorage; and the Honorable Jim Sampson, Mayor, Fairbanks North Star Borough.