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Senate Committee on Resources

M E M O R A N D U M

April 30, 1986

TO: All Members
Senate Resources Committee

FROM: Staff, Senate Resources Committee

RE: SJR 49 Constitutional amendment creating
Alaska Research Development Endowment

SJR 49 is a companion to SB 485 and would provide for an amendment to the Alaska Constitution to create the Alaska Research Development Endowment. This endowment is a dedicated fund composed of one-third of North Slope gas royalties to be used to support research in Alaska.

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5/2/86

Original sponsor: Health, Education and
Social Services Committee

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BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 49 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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6 of the State of Alaska creating the
7 Alaska research development endowment.

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

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10 is amended to read:

11 SECTION 7. DEDICATED FUNDS. The proceeds of any state tax or
12 license shall not be dedicated to any special purpose, except as
13 provided in Section 15 and Section 17 of this article or when required
14 by the federal government for state participation in federal programs.
15 This provision shall not prohibit the continuance of any dedication
16 for special purposes existing upon the date of ratification of this
17 section by the people of Alaska.

18 * Sec. 2. Article IX, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended
19 by adding a new section to read:

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21 percent of all royalties and royalty sale proceeds received by the
22 state from natural gas from the area north of the Alaska Range shall
23 be deposited in the Alaska research development endowment; however,
24 the total deposits from royalties and royalty sale proceeds may not
25 exceed \$1,000,000,000. These deposits shall be considered fund
26 principal and shall be invested as provided by law. Income from
27 investment of the endowment shall be available for appropriation as
28 provided by law. Appropriations may not be made from the Alaska
29 research development endowment except for research grants and the

1 costs of administration as provided by law.

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4 with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the elec-
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21 one-third of all royalties and royalty sale proceeds from North Slope
22 natural gas received by the state shall be deposited in the Alaska
23 research development endowment. All income from investment of the
24 endowment shall be deposited in the Alaska research development endow-
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