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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(9)

Date referred: 2/27/87

FURTHER REFERRALS:

4/30  
Rules

DATE: 4/30/87

The Resources Committee has considered SCR 6

Relating to designation by the governor of Suntrana Mine as a Historic Site.

**RECOMMENDS:**

- replace with \_\_\_\_\_  the same title
- attached amendment(s)  a new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**ADOPTS:**  \_\_\_\_\_ letter of intent

**ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

- fiscal impact  same as previous fiscal note published \_\_\_\_\_
- zero fiscal note  same as previous zero fiscal note published \_\_\_\_\_
- zero with analysis

**SIGNING DO PASS:**

**SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Jan G. Cotten Cotten

Heinrich Springer Springer

Robert Pearce Pearce

John Sund Sund

Adelheid Herrmann Herrmann

Tom Hoeffman Hoeffman

Mike Navarre Navarre

Cliff Davidson

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Jan G. Cotten  
Chairman's signature

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

STEVE COWPER, GOVERNOR

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February 13, 1987

The Honorable Jack Coghill  
Chairman  
Senate Resources Committee  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Coghill:

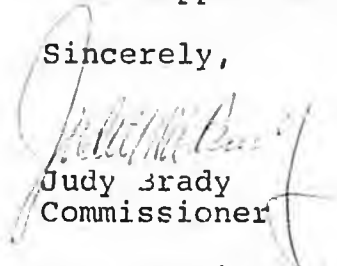
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Explanation: The site does qualify under state law for the designation urged in SCR6. A problem is that the land was selected under the Federal Mental Health Enabling Act of 1956 and as such, any transaction affecting the land's ability to generate revenues would require action by the Mental Health Trust Commission. In the event the litigation which led to the establishment of the Commission is resolved by new legislation involving a money settlement, this problem would be resolved. A second issue is that the site would need to be made free of any safety hazards and that erosion is suitably controlled.

Once these issues are resolved, our expectation is that the site would be managed, through a management agreement supported by fees charged visitors.

Sincerely,

  
Judy Brady  
Commissioner

cc: Committee Members  
Governor's Legislative Liaison

STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Revision Date: February 13, 1987  
 Title: Suntrana Mine Historic Site  
 Sponsor: Senator Cochill  
 Requestor: Senate Resources

Bill Version: SCR 6  
 Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency Affected: Natural Resources  
 BRU: Minerals Management  
 Components: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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 Division: Commissioner's Office Date: 2/13/87  
 Approved by Commissioner: Annis D. Amund, Deputy Date: 2/13/87  
 Agency: Natural Resources

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Senate Resources Committee  
FROM: Senator Coghill *[Signature]*  
RE: SCR 6; Relating to designation by the governor of Suntrana Mine as a Historic Site.  
DATE: February 14, 1987

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SCR 6 makes good public policy, it is important to preserve our heritage.

The trend toward historical preservation of areas of land and natural resources has gained momentum on a national scale over the last decade. I believe it is important to preserve the evidence of the methods man has employed to develop the public resources, just as it is important to conserve certain "wild" areas.

This resolution makes good sense in three areas.

First, tourism; the Suntrana Mine site is about 30 minutes driving time from the Denali Park lodge. The site offers the opportunity for the possible development of a state historic mining equipment museum, as well as having the notoriety of being Alaska's first large scale coal mine site.

Secondly, education; the University of Alaska currently conducts tours of the site as an example of the way mining used to be done. Without this type of knowledge it becomes even more difficult to develop new and innovative mining techniques. There are also unique geologic features present, which are also used as teaching tools.

*Cammie Gable ACC*

Finally, there is heritage, the Suntrana Mine is located on Alaska's only mine which exports coal to foreign markets. Since it began operations in the early nineteen hundreds, Suntrana has supplied energy and jobs for the Alaskan economy. It is my feeling that the sweat and hard work that built this country is every bit as important for future generations to remember, as is the preservation of unique wildlife habitat. After all, part of our heritage is the history evidenced by the footsteps of our forefathers.

This resolution asks the governor, to establish the Suntrana Mine as a remembrance for future generations, least they forget the hard work, and the people that past before them.

For these reasons I encourage a do pass recommendation.

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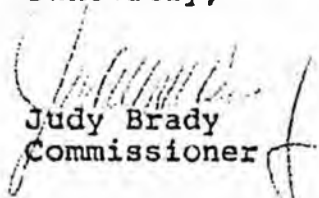
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Approved by Commissioner: Norm D. Arnold, Deputy Date: 2/13/87

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