

IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Relating to a review of expired  
grazing leases on Kodiak Island.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS approximately two-thirds of the Kodiak Island land area is located within a federal refuge for Kodiak bear; and

WHEREAS a major portion of the remaining one-third land area is under lease by the federal government to individuals for cattle grazing purposes; and

WHEREAS the U. S. Bureau of Land Management has indicated an intention to withdraw from management of the aforementioned grazing leases in the near future and transfer this responsibility to the state Division of Lands; and

WHEREAS land available on Kodiak Island for recreation, homesteading and other beneficial uses of a private and public nature is extremely limited;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the state Division of Lands that, upon being vested with the responsibility of management of grazing leases on Kodiak Island, the Division hold public hearings prior to any renewal of such leases, in order to determine the highest and best use of the public domain embraced by the leases.