



Alaska State Legislature

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

Relating to the financing of vitally needed tourist accommodations and facilities within the state.

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

WHEREAS in 1968 the tourist industry was the fourth largest industry in the state and accounted for \$30,000,000 contributed to the gross state product; and

WHEREAS a recently completed study prepared for the federal Economic Development Administration and the state Department of Economic Development estimates that by 1975, \$80,000,000 will be spent annually by tourists in the state; and

WHEREAS the study reveals that some 2,200 persons are now engaged in the tourist industry in the state and this number is expected to increase to 4,000 persons by 1975; and

WHEREAS the rapidly developing tourist industry is being critically hampered throughout the state as a result of insufficient and in many areas nonexistent tourist accommodations and facilities; and

WHEREAS the present lack of accommodations and facilities results primarily from the fact that adequate financing is not now available to provide such facilities in urban areas, and financing is virtually nonexistent in rural areas because of the absence of banks and other lending agencies; and

WHEREAS the economy of the state and its image will be significantly damaged unless action is taken immediately to increase tourist accommodations and facilities within the state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to direct the Department of Economic Development to recommend to the Legislature specific alternate plans which will offer means of either public or private financing for tourist accommodations and facilities within the state and to submit its recommendations to the Second Session of the Sixth Legislature.