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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

Relating to the Bureau of Land Management's proposed move of land adjudicators and land records from the Fairbanks office to the Southcentral office.

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### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the presence of land records and adjudicators in the Bureau of Land Management's office in Fairbanks is essential to the efficient operation of the bureau's functions; and

WHEREAS persons dealing with land transactions would be greatly inconvenienced and in some cases denied this pursuit altogether due to costs involved in commuting to Southcentral Alaska to determine needed information; and

WHEREAS the office in Fairbanks is in the closest possible proximity to the transactions on the North Slope and to the major land masses of the state; and

WHEREAS the imminent removal of the present "land freeze" is presently causing tremendous activity in the land transaction field and will be increased a hundredfold when finally removed; and

WHEREAS these facts point to a needed increase in staffing at the Fairbanks office rather than its depletion;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate respectfully requests the Secretary of the Interior to direct the Bureau of Land Management to reconsider this proposed move of its offices and functions and rescind this proposal; the Senate further requests that needed augmentation of staff in the Bureau of Land Management's office in Anchorage and Fairbanks be provided by additional personnel, and not at the expense of one office or the other, since both offices can anticipate heightened land transaction activity in the very near future