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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

Relating to the depletion of ground waters.

BE IT RESOLVED

BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the underground waters of the Kenai Peninsula and the State of Alaska as a whole are a valuable natural resource to be protected and perfected for future utility; and

WHEREAS certain of these underground waters are being depleted by excessive withdrawal by industrial-commercial pumping without recharge; and

WHEREAS unplanned and uncoordinated usage of underground waters in some areas has produced indications that deeper aquifers are being depleted and cause migration from the aquifers usually supplying domestic on-site water; and

WHEREAS depletion of ground water (underground) aquifers can expose areas to adjacent salt water intrusion; and

WHEREAS excessive use of ground water (underground) aquifers can cause subterranean soil compaction making difficult or irreversible ground water recharge efforts; and

WHEREAS the coordination and regulation of the State of Alaska is urgently needed to plan and allocate (including reduction of use) the ground water resources;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested to take all action necessary when, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Natural Resources, existing commercial-industrial water use permittees are causing or contributing to depletion of ground waters, to see that such permits

are withdrawn by the state as soon as an alternative nondepleting water supply is made available.