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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

Relating to a joint state-federal firefighting program.

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

WHEREAS many homes in rural Alaska are located in areas that are completely lacking any kind of fire protection and many others are located beyond the effective range of standard fire equipment; and

WHEREAS the winter months constitute the period of greatest danger to homes located beyond help in case of fire; and

WHEREAS the Bureau of Land Management has developed highly sophisticated techniques for fighting fires in remote areas, including the use of helicopters, smoke jumpers, and fire retardants; and

WHEREAS the Bureau of Land Management conducts its firefighting activities during the summer months only; and

WHEREAS the loss of life and property is by far the highest in home fires;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully requests the Governor to seek federal cooperation in a pilot project to test the applicability of Bureau of Land Management techniques to fight home fires in rural areas during times when the Bureau of Land Management is not engaged in fighting forest fires; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor advise the Ninth Legislature - Second Session of the results of his efforts in this regard.