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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 110

Relating to the Village Safe Water Act.

BE IT RESOLVED

BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the Village Safe Water Act was established in 1970 to develop safe water systems and hygienic sewage waste disposal systems in rural Alaska; and

WHEREAS the implementation of this Act has apparently been frustrated due to the insufficient time and resources for comprehensive planning for rural sanitation services; and

WHEREAS it is impossible to develop a satisfactory and potentially successful implementation plan and construction strategy without adequate planning; and

WHEREAS the Alaskan Native rural housing authorities are charged with the responsibility of improving potable water supplies and assuring suitable sewage waste collection, treatment, and disposal within their respective regions; and

WHEREAS the Alaskan Native nonprofit regional associations have shown a desire to assist the State of Alaska in implementing the Village Safe Water Act through an advisory committee;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Environmental Conservation to convene the Village Safe Water Act Advisory Committee consisting of the appropriate membership as designated by the twelve regional associations; that the department with the direct assistance of the advisory committee perform an analysis of the water and sewage disposal needs of all villages in the state which qualify for the services under the Act;

that with the needs assessment, the department with the advice of the committee prioritize the villages with respect to the level of services to be provided and scheduled installation; that the department with the advice of the committee develop an implementation strategy and schedule which will encumber proceeds from a sale of general obligation bonds and additionally serve as a basis for a systematic biennial general obligation bond request to satisfy the full implementation of the Village Safe Water Act, AS 14.07; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a report summarizing the progress of a needs assessment, implementation plan, and funding strategy should be completed no later than the first month of the Tenth Legislature, First Session, and presented to the chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Community and Regional Affairs.