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Relating to the issuance of work permits to non-immigrant aliens for jobs in Alaska's fish processing industry.

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

WHEREAS Alaska chronically suffers from a very high rate of unemployment; and

WHEREAS the United States Department of Labor has issued permits to a substantial number of non-immigrant aliens allowing them to work in certain designated positions in Alaska's fish processing industry; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Department of Labor is not being consulted as to the effect such employment of non-immigrant aliens has on the state's overall employment situation; and

WHEREAS the effect of this practice is that qualified or trainable Alaskan workers may lose employment opportunities to non-immigrant aliens;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Department of Labor to conduct with the Alaska Department of Labor an immediate investigation of the serious allegation that non-immigrant aliens certified to work in certain designated positions in Alaska's fish processing industry are, in fact, also working in other positions, so that any abuse of the labor certification special exemptions shall immediately cease, and in the future to first consult with the Alaska Department of Labor as to the availability of Alaskan workers for certain jobs before issuing work permits to non-immigrant aliens for those jobs.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ray Marshall, Secretary of Labor, and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the

Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.