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Relating to the development of a plan for Alaska agricultural development.

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

WHEREAS it is the policy of the legislature to promote a diversified and stable renewable resource economy through the investment of nonrenewable resource revenues; and

WHEREAS the development of agricultural production is an important facet of the renewable resource economy; and

WHEREAS the objective of the state is to develop economically viable, environmentally sound, and energy-efficient agricultural production to diversify and stabilize the economy of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the legislature determines that the agricultural development goals of the state are to

- (1) promote self-sufficiency and to decrease dependency on imported foods;
- (2) provide opportunities for Alaskans to produce their own food individually and collectively;
- (3) provide employment for Alaskans;
- (4) provide nutritional food products from local sources for Alaskans;
- (5) develop a self-supporting agriculture industry in Alaska;
- (6) encourage the export of surplus agricultural products; and

(7) ensure that agricultural development proceeds with sound environmental practices and energy efficiency;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to direct the Alaska Agricultural Action Council to coordinate the preparation of a 10-year plan for accomplishing the goals of the state in the development of agriculture in cooperation with the Departments of Natural Resources, Fish and Game, Transportation and Public Facilities, Environmental Conservation, and Community and Regional Affairs; the University of Alaska; the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and of the Interior; the Alaska Association of Soil Conservation Subdistricts; private landowners of agricultural land; individuals involved in commercial, small, and subsistence agriculture; and lending institutions with the capacity for lending for agricultural purposes; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Alaska Agricultural Action Council to submit a report to the legislature; the report shall contain

(1) information concerning the economic and financial situation of agricultural development necessary to evaluate and support agricultural development projects;

(2) a planning process to update annually the agricultural plan and its 10-year projections;

(3) a planning process to examine annually the long-range economic viability of the existing state agriculture industry, future developments proposed in the agricultural plan, and the distribution of economic and noneconomic benefits and costs;

(4) recommendations for changes in the organization of state government to implement the agricultural plan efficiently;

(5) programs for development of small-scale and subsistence agriculture;

(6) recommendations for research and development, education, and extension services necessary to support the plan;

(7) a budget for the upcoming fiscal year for continuing and new state agricultural programs;

(8) the cost of associated capital and infrastructure requirements;

(9) projections of the marketing needs of Alaskan agricultural production;

(10) plans to maintain agricultural land for agricultural uses;

(11) methods to ensure that agricultural development is compatible with the optimum uses of other resources, including timber and fish and game; and

(12) methods to ensure that agricultural development

will proceed with sound environmental practices and energy efficiency; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Alaska Agricultural Action Council to submit its first report to the legislature by the 15th day of the Second Session of the Twelfth Legislature and to submit its second and final report by the 15th day of the First Session of the Thirteenth Legislature; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall each appoint a member from his house of the legislature as liaison from the legislature to the Alaska Agricultural Action Council in its preparation of the reports requested under this resolution.