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Relating to the poor economic condition of Alaska coastal communities.

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

WHEREAS coastal communities throughout the state are having severe economic problems; and

WHEREAS these economic problems are only partially due to fluctuations in the fisheries resource and markets; and

WHEREAS many coastal communities continue to lack the infrastructure and financial resources vital to a healthy economy; and

WHEREAS the people in these communities are suffering hardship because of lack of income and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS the commercial fisheries income to several coastal communities has decreased dramatically in recent years due to reduced catches and prices; and

WHEREAS the requests for deferrals for payments on state fisheries loans have rapidly increased indicating the critical status of the coastal economy; and

WHEREAS both large and small seafood processors have gone bankrupt or are not able to operate profitably due to fluctuating production and uncertain national and international markets; and

WHEREAS the people most effected by this poor economic climate are rural Alaska residents; and

WHEREAS the economic viability of the coastal economy is of vital importance to all the people of Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the

Governor is urgently requested to undertake a complete analysis into this economic downturn and the avenues available to the state to improve the economy of coastal communities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to utilize whatever means or resources identified in the analysis to immediately counter this economic disaster in order to ensure the long-term viability of the economy of Alaska.