

STATE OF ALASKA
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Relating to the development of the mineral resources in the state.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS the development of the state's mineral resources is important to the future of the state; and

WHEREAS it is critical that the development be planned and carried out in a manner that minimizes the effects on the environment; and

WHEREAS it is equally critical that the development be planned and carried out in a manner that maximizes the economic benefits and minimizes the socioeconomic disadvantages; and

WHEREAS the Quartz Hill molybdenum deposit near Ketchikan, Alaska, contains over 10 percent of the world's supply of molybdenum; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Borax and Chemical Corporation has invested over \$100,000,000 in the project since the ore deposit was discovered in 1974 without asking for financial support or guarantees from the state; and

WHEREAS development of the Quartz Hill mine would strengthen the economy of Southeast Alaska by providing thousands of construction, development, and production jobs for an estimated 70 years while creating an additional tax base for the entire state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives supports the development of environmentally responsible mineral resource projects as sound and secure sources of employment and state revenue; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives supports

the issuance of permits for the Quartz Hill molybdenum project to ensure that the development of the project is environmentally responsible and cost-effective, and does not adversely affect fishery resources.