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Relating to global climate change.

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

WHEREAS there is evidence that the activities of humans are rapidly increasing the amount of greenhouse gases in the upper atmosphere through the burning of fossil fuels and are destroying the ozone layer through the use of CFC's and other chemicals; and

WHEREAS the evidence is that the increase of these gases and the destruction of the ozone layer will lead to warming of our climate; and

WHEREAS rapid warming of our climate will lead to major environmental damage to ecosystems and improvements upon the land; and

WHEREAS the people of Alaska have ample opportunities to reduce their use of fossil fuels and ozone-destroying chemicals and to better their standard of living through increased efficiency and available energy conservation technology; and

WHEREAS investigating what can be done now will reduce the future high cost of mitigating the likely damages that will result; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska should take a lead role in this issue for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS the National Governors Association and the National Conference of State Legislatures are investigating potential actions that states may take to reduce global warming and are preparing recommendations for a national policy with regard to global climate change; and

WHEREAS the governor of the State of New Jersey has issued an executive order charging state entities in New Jersey to pursue policies and conduct activities so as to reduce the threat of global climate change;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is respectfully requested to investigate possible state policies and procedures that can be implemented, if necessary, to determine how the state can most effectively help to combat global climate change.