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Relating to identified hydroelectric sites and energy transmission and surface transportation requirements for Southeast Alaska.

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

**WHEREAS** a transportation and utility corridor plan is vital for improving the economic future of Southeast Alaska and would indicate to the federal government the state's desires for land use within the Tongass National Forest, which comprises the majority of the land in Southeast Alaska; and

**WHEREAS** the traditional industries of fishing, timber, and mining and the developing tourism industry will increase demand for energy production, energy distribution systems, and transportation systems for the region; and

**WHEREAS** the communities of Southeast Alaska will need reliable, long-term sources of energy for the future; and

**WHEREAS** the most efficient and reliable method for transmitting hydroelectric energy to the communities of Southeast Alaska is through a power grid; and

**WHEREAS** the Alaska Energy Authority has identified potential sites for the development of hydroelectric power throughout Southeast Alaska; and

**WHEREAS** these potential hydroelectric sites can be developed by extension of energy transmission and interconnection facilities; and

**WHEREAS** actions taken by the United States Congress and by the United States Forest Service placing proposed transportation and utility corridors and potential hydroelectric sites in more restrictive land use classifications would make it more difficult and more costly to develop; and

**WHEREAS** in 1987 and 1988 the Southeast Transportation Utility Corridor (SETUC) planning group, a committee composed of representatives of the state and federal governments, drafted options for transportation and utility corridors for Southeast Alaska and, in 1988, completed a report with maps detailing the location of the recommended corridors;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature affirms and supports the utility and transportation corridor options that the State of Alaska and federal agencies have identified through the planning activities of SETUC for Southeast Alaska; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the legislature strongly recommends that the United States Congress and the United States Forest Service refrain from placing further restrictive land use designations on the identified utility and transportation corridors and on potential hydroelectric sites.

**COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chair, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee; the Honorable J. Bennett Johnston, Chair, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee; the Honorable E (Kika) de la Garza, Chair, House Agriculture Committee; the Honorable George Miller, Chair, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; F. Dale Robertson, Chief, United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Michael A. Barton, Regional Forester, Tongass National Forest, U. S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.