

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 52**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES CISSNA, Petersen, Tuck, Crawford, Buch**

**Introduced: 2/23/10**

**Referred: House Special Committee on Energy, Community and Regional Affairs**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Urging the Municipality of Anchorage to expedite a project to convert methane gas from**  
2 **the Anchorage Regional Landfill to an energy source for Anchorage.**

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

4 **WHEREAS**, for three years, the Anchorage Regional Landfill has been flaring  
5 methane gas in an amount that could be converted to 2.5 - 3 megawatts of electricity, which is  
6 enough energy, to power 2,200 homes in the area; and

7 **WHEREAS** the flaring of methane gas is a waste of energy; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 2008, the Alaska State Legislature created the renewable energy grant  
9 fund to be administered by the Alaska Energy Authority; and

10 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Energy Authority recognized the critical importance of  
11 converting the methane gas being flared at the Anchorage Regional Landfill into a usable  
12 source of energy and awarded a grant of \$2,000,000 to be used for that purpose; and

13 **WHEREAS** the sources of energy in Anchorage are in question in the next few years,  
14 resulting in increasing concern about the availability of energy by consumers in that area; and

15 **WHEREAS** Anchorage residents are being warned of future energy emergencies; and

16 **WHEREAS** the need for a reliable, affordable, and renewable source of energy for

1 Anchorage increases daily; and

2         **WHEREAS** the large volume of methane gas at the Anchorage Regional Landfill that  
3 is dispersed into the atmosphere should be converted to residential energy as soon as possible;  
4 and

5         **WHEREAS** a project to convert methane gas from the Anchorage Regional Landfill  
6 to energy could serve as a model for the state;

7         **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Municipality of  
8 Anchorage to expedite a project to convert methane gas from the Anchorage Regional  
9 Landfill to useable energy; and be it

10         **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages accelerated  
11 governmental cooperation among affected agencies to assist in the conversion of methane gas  
12 from the Anchorage Regional Landfill to usable energy.

13         **A COPY** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Daniel Sullivan, Mayor of  
14 the Municipality of Anchorage.