

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

Introduced:
Referred:

A RESOLUTION

1 **Supporting the aviation industry; and urging the governor to make state-owned land**
2 **available to the unmanned aircraft systems industry for the management and operation**
3 **of unmanned aircraft systems and related research, testing, and training.**

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

5 **WHEREAS** the overall health of the economy of the United States is highly
6 dependent on the aviation industry; and

7 **WHEREAS** the civil aviation industry annually creates approximately 5.4 percent of
8 the gross domestic product in the United States and contributes approximately
9 \$1,500,000,000,000 to the economy nationwide; and

10 **WHEREAS** the aviation industry generates more than 11,800,000 jobs, with
11 estimated total employment-related earnings of \$459,000,000,000; and

12 **WHEREAS** the aviation industry enables the economic benefits of tourism, shipping,
13 and travel for business or recreational purposes; and

14 **WHEREAS** ongoing development and implementation of unmanned aircraft systems
15 technologies, policies, and procedures will support continuing economic growth in the

1 aviation industry; and

2 **WHEREAS** the aviation industry affects the economies of large and small
3 communities across the United States, especially those communities where airports are
4 located; and

5 **WHEREAS** the use and regulation of unmanned aircraft systems must be integrated
6 with the use and regulation of manned aircraft systems to ensure that all aircraft can safely
7 navigate national airspace, including the airspace over airports; and

8 **WHEREAS** the state owns approximately 27 percent of the state's landmass and the
9 landmass of the state makes up approximately 20 percent of the landmass of the United
10 States, the state therefore owns approximately five percent of the landmass of the United
11 States; and

12 **WHEREAS** the state can support the growth of the unmanned aircraft systems
13 industry and the advancement of unmanned aircraft systems technology by facilitating the use
14 or purchase of land by the unmanned aircraft systems industry for the purpose of research,
15 manufacturing, testing, training, management, and operation;

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the economic growth
17 of the aviation industry in the state and encourages the establishment of safe and responsible
18 unmanned aircraft systems businesses in the state; and be it

19 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the governor to
20 make state-owned land available to responsible designers, owners, developers, and operators
21 of commercial unmanned aircraft systems to use for research, manufacturing, testing, training,
22 management, and operation of those systems.