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Sponsor Statement

House Joint Resolution 18

“Urging the Alaska delegation in Congress to implement a renewable energy testing program in the state; supporting the development and testing of renewable energy resources in the state; and encouraging entrepreneurs to develop renewable energy projects in the state.”

HJR 18 sends a very important message to the Alaskan Congressional delegation that our great state wishes to take its rightful place as a leader in the development of emerging renewable energy and encourages our representatives to advocate for our wishes in Washington.

Over the past decade, the renewable energy sector has seen tremendous growth while the cost of production has also dropped. This has been made possible due to strides in research and timely direction of resources and funds. Alaska is uniquely qualified to contribute to the proliferation of affordable and clean energy because our demanding environment is an ideal testing ground for cutting edge technology and our fiscal climate is ripe for outside investment.

The Alaska state motto is “North to the Future”; which represents our tradition of looking forward and as a land of promise. By sending this message to our congressional delegation, we will be living up to our reputation and favorably positioning our state to enjoy the fruits of renewable energy which include not only affordability but also a much needed boost to the Alaskan economy of today and tomorrow.

HJR 18 urges Congress to take action and direct funds to our state in order to position Alaska as a leader within the burgeoning renewable energy industry while also helping Alaskan pocketbooks by driving down energy costs and bringing new jobs to our economy. HJR 18 serves as a continuing reminder to Congress that encouraging renewable energy testing is in Alaska’s best interest and in the best interest of the Nation. I humbly ask for your support.

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