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### **Sponsor Statement**

#### **House Resolution 5**

This Resolution would provide for a clear and transparent policy for per diem payments to the House of Representatives, in addition to providing for a savings to the State of Alaska.

House Resolution 5 would adopt the United States Department of Defense (DoD) federal flat rate per diem schedule providing the members of the House of Representatives who reside outside of Juneau be paid at the full federal per diem rate for the first 30 days of each regular session and, for the remainder of each regular session at 75 percent of the DoD full per diem rate. Currently members are paid the full per diem rate for all days in session.

House Resolution 5 would also reduce the per diem for the members who reside in Juneau to 75 percent of the rate paid to members who do not reside in Juneau.

While the savings incurred under this resolution is nominal when considering the overall budget deficit that currently faces the State of Alaska, it provides a defined process tied to the methodology used at a national level.

I urge your support for this Resolution.