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Relating to information infrastructure and establishing the Alaska Information Infrastructure Policy Task Force.

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

WHEREAS the development of information infrastructure will provide Alaska communities with access to broadband connectivity and provide for improved telecommunications, health care, education, homeland security, and economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS access to fiber optic and wireless connectivity will help bridge the digital divide that separates rural Alaska from the benefits of technological advances realized by urban areas; and

WHEREAS public-private partnerships have been used successfully around the globe to facilitate information infrastructure development; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority may issue conduit revenue bonds for qualified applicants;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature establishes the Alaska Information Infrastructure Policy Task Force to review and analyze the state's current and

long-term information infrastructure needs; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall identify existing public and private fiber and broadband infrastructure in Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall conduct a preliminary analysis of the state's long-term infrastructure needs; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consider how best to define the state's role and interest in information infrastructure development; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall address the state's long-term information infrastructure needs by encouraging industry and government to take action, either separately or through joint efforts such as pooling and integrated resource planning, to meet those needs; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall develop a long-term information infrastructure plan for Alaska that will efficiently enhance the state's economic future; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of 13 members, including

- (1) the commissioner of administration or the commissioner's designee;
- (2) the commissioner of military and veterans' affairs or the commissioner's designee;
- (3) the commissioner of community and economic development or the commissioner's designee;
- (4) one member chosen by the President of the University of Alaska;
- (5) six at-large members chosen jointly by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate;
- (6) three members of the legislature, including one chosen by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one chosen by the President of the Senate, and one chosen jointly by the minority leaders of the House of Representatives and the Senate; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall select a chair from among themselves; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a staff member and other resources shall be provided to the task force, as necessary, by the legislature; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is to begin work on June 1, 2004, or as soon after that date as possible; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may meet during the interim; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force members shall serve without compensation but are entitled to transportation expenses and per diem as authorized for members of boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall provide a report of its findings, the long-term information infrastructure plan, and any draft legislation the task force finds necessary to meet the identified long-term infrastructure needs of the state to the legislature not later than the first day of the First Regular Session of the Twenty-Fourth Alaska State Legislature; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may make any interim reports on information infrastructure issues that it considers advisable; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is terminated not later than the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the Twenty-Fourth Alaska State Legislature.