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**SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18(RES)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered:  
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES COSTELLO, Rauscher, Tilton, Elam, McCabe, Tomaszewski, Schwanke, Kopp, Coulombe, Saddler, Bynum, Underwood, Vance, Ruffridge, Allard, Burke

SENATORS Kaufman, Myers, Rauscher, Claman, Tilton, Cronk, Bjorkman, Yundt, Stevens

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Supporting and recognizing the importance of a natural gas pipeline project in the state;**  
2 **and urging the federal government to take all necessary actions to expedite the state**  
3 **natural gas pipeline project.**

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

5 **WHEREAS** the state has long played a critical role in the energy independence of the  
6 nation, with its vast oil and natural gas resources representing the largest reservoir in North  
7 America; and

8 **WHEREAS** the state has long envisioned a pipeline and export facility connecting  
9 North Slope gas to global markets, which could create thousands of high-paying jobs for  
10 United States residents and could generate long-term state and local revenue; and

11 **WHEREAS** the state is rich in natural resources but also immense in size, which  
12 makes supplying reliable, cost-effective energy a challenge; and

13 **WHEREAS** residents from Fairbanks to Fort Yukon face tremendous energy costs  
14 that could be alleviated by the completion of a state natural gas pipeline project, with a spur  
15 line to Fairbanks and related infrastructure, to produce and transport propane to communities

1 along the Yukon River for use in heating and cooking and to export liquefied natural gas  
2 around the world; and

3 **WHEREAS** recent federal administration support and attention underscore the  
4 strategic importance of a state natural gas pipeline project and may represent potential federal  
5 funding and acceleration of the project; and

6 **WHEREAS** a state natural gas pipeline project could provide reliable long-term  
7 infrastructure for both domestic energy security and global export opportunities; and

8 **WHEREAS** the state has, for decades, advanced environmental reviews and  
9 permitting and has gathered international interest for a state natural gas pipeline project,  
10 signaling readiness for final-stage federal support, financing, and permitting coordination of  
11 the project; and

12 **WHEREAS** the state has the only federally authorized proposed liquefied natural gas  
13 export project on the Pacific Coast of the United States, creating a short, direct energy  
14 corridor that avoids canal chokepoints and contested waters to enable our allies to reliably  
15 access liquefied natural gas from the state instead of relying on adversarial nations;

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature strongly supports the rapid  
17 review of the most recent state natural gas pipeline project and recognizes its potential  
18 strategic role in future energy for the state and as an export product for the United States; and  
19 be it

20 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature expresses ongoing support  
21 for a state natural gas pipeline project and respectfully requests the support of Douglas  
22 Burgum, United States Secretary of the Interior, the Department of Energy, the Federal  
23 Energy Regulatory Commission, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress, and all  
24 relevant federal agencies to expedite approvals, coordinate agency review, and ensure federal  
25 funding for a state natural gas pipeline project.

26 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President  
27 of the United States; the Honorable Douglas Burgum, United States Secretary of the Interior;  
28 the Honorable Chris Wright, United States Secretary of Energy; the commissioners of the  
29 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the  
30 Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nicholas Begich, U.S.  
31 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.