

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/24/26

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION

1 **Supporting efforts to modernize and improve the United States-Mexico-Canada**
2 **Agreement; and supporting simplified border crossings and free trade with Canada and**
3 **Mexico.**

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

5 **WHEREAS** the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement was negotiated during the
6 first administration of President Donald J. Trump as a modernization of the North American
7 Free Trade Agreement, and was later approved by the United States Congress with bipartisan
8 support, reflecting a continued national commitment to stable and cooperative North
9 American trade; and

10 **WHEREAS** the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement has been mutually
11 beneficial for all parties since the agreement entered into force on July 1, 2020; and

12 **WHEREAS** the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement has provided a stable and
13 predictable framework for trade and investment that allows state residents to plan with
14 confidence; and

15 **WHEREAS** the state has specifically benefited from increased trade with Canada

1 facilitated by the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement; and

2 **WHEREAS**, in 2024, imports to the state from Canada exceeded \$1,000,000,000; and

3 **WHEREAS** imports to the state from Canada include essential resources and
4 components, including \$351,000,000 in petroleum products, \$62,000,000 in metals, and
5 \$61,000,000 in machinery; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 2024, exports from the state to Canada exceeded \$614,000,000; and

7 **WHEREAS** close integration between the United States and Canada has created more
8 efficient supply chains and has enhanced the competitiveness of United States industries in
9 the global market; and

10 **WHEREAS** the state's small businesses benefit from free access to Canadian markets
11 and predictable trade relationships maintained by the United States-Mexico-Canada
12 Agreement; and

13 **WHEREAS** Canada supports 20,300 employees in the state, and Canadian-owned
14 businesses provide an additional 5,950 jobs for state residents; and

15 **WHEREAS** 25 percent tariffs were imposed on imports of Canadian steel in March of
16 2018; and

17 **WHEREAS**, by May of 2019, importation of Canadian steel to the state dropped by
18 37.8 percent, representing the lowest level of steel imports in nearly a decade; and

19 **WHEREAS** the state's unique geographical location makes efficient cross-border
20 trade with Canada essential for accessing supplies that are crucial to the state's businesses and
21 communities; and

22 **WHEREAS** free trade between the United States, Canada, and Mexico makes goods
23 cheaper, expands markets, and creates opportunities for economic growth; and

24 **WHEREAS** smooth and efficient border crossings for commuters, regular travelers,
25 and their pets will grow trust and mutual goodwill between North American countries; and

26 **WHEREAS** positive relationships with Canada facilitate the state's multi-billion-
27 dollar tourism industry; and

28 **WHEREAS** the 2026 joint review of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement
29 represents an opportunity to extend and improve the agreement, while removing tariffs and
30 barriers to profitable trade and positive relationships between the state and Canada;

31 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature reaffirms its support for

1 extending the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the federal
3 administration's efforts to modernize and improve the United States-Mexico-Canada
4 Agreement; and be it

5 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the creation of a
6 program that would simplify border crossings for trusted commuters, regular travelers, and
7 their pets; and be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the federal
9 administration to work toward a system of free trade with Canada and Mexico.

10 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President
11 of the United States; the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada; the
12 Honorable JD Vance, Vice President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate;
13 the Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and the
14 Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the
15 Honorable Nicholas Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
16 Congress.



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Senate Joint Resolution 25

Sponsor Statement

“Supporting continuation of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.”

Senate Joint Resolution 25 expresses support for the continuation and modernization of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) and encourage reduction of barriers to North American trade.

Due to Alaska’s distinctive geography, the state derives outsized economic benefit from strong trade relationships with neighboring Canada. Key Alaskan industries, businesses, and consumers depend on free and predictable trade with Canadian partners. USMCA has provided this framework and facilitated over one billion dollars in annual trade between Canada and Alaska. Stability is essential for continued investment and cooperation between Alaska and its closest trading partner.

USMCA passed the house in 2019 with 385 representatives in support and only 41 against, it was approved in the senate by a vote of 89 to 10 and was signed into law in 2020 by President Trump. The scheduled 2026 review presents an opportunity to preserve the economic benefits to participating countries while pursuing targeted modernization and removing obstacles to continued cooperation. Predictable trade policy is essential to secure investment and sustain economic growth.

A strong Alaska-Canada relationship supports tourism, integrated supply chains and broader regional cooperation. Sustained trade barriers limit access to affordable goods and services and pass costs on to Alaskan consumers.

Supporting the continuation and modernization of USMCA promotes economic stability, protects jobs, and strengthens long-term growth across Alaska.



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Summary of Changes

SJR 25-SUPPORTING US-MEXICO-CANADA AGREEMENT
version A to version N

Page 2, lines 19-28: Delete all and replace with;
*WHEREAS free trade between the United States, Canada and Mexico makes goods cheaper, expands markets and creates opportunity for economic growth; and
WHEREAS smooth and efficient border crossings for commuters, regular travelers and their pets will grow trust and mutual good will between North American countries; and*

Page 3, following line 7: Inserted;
FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the creation of a program that would simplify border crossing for trusted commuters, regular travelers, and their pets; and be it

Page 3, line 9: Following "administration to", DELETE "end disruptive tariffs on" and INSERT "*work toward a system of free trade with*"

Fiscal Note

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Bill Version:	CSSJR 25(L&C)
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 Title: SUPPORTING US-MEXICO-CANADA
 AGREEMENT
 Sponsor: STATE AFFAIRS
 Requester: (S) LABOR & COMMERCE

Department:
 Appropriation:
 Allocation:
 OMB Component Number: 0

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2027	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2027 Request	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable; initial version. One page, zero fiscal note.

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