

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Requesting the governor to provide energy security for all Alaskans by working on**
2 **significant elements and components to support the timely construction of a natural gas**
3 **bullet pipeline from the North Slope to the Cook Inlet region and to take necessary**
4 **action to assist and facilitate the process for a private entity to make a final investment**
5 **decision to commit to the pipeline before November 1, 2010.**

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

7 **WHEREAS** natural gas production in the Cook Inlet region of the state has suffered
8 significant decline, resulting in the closure of the Agrium U.S., Inc., facility in Kenai and the
9 risk of inadequate supplies of natural gas to consumers that rely on production from the Cook
10 Inlet region; and

11 **WHEREAS** there are significant quantities of natural gas on the North Slope that
12 could be produced if the means for delivering the product to market were available; and

13 **WHEREAS** the major gas pipeline project licensed by the state under AS 43.90
14 (Alaska Gasline Inducement Act) or a similar alternative project that offers five delivery
15 natural gas delivery points in the state is not expected to transport natural gas from the North

1 Slope until after 2016; and

2 **WHEREAS** the people of the state need access to natural gas now and cannot wait for
3 the completion of the major gas pipeline project from the North Slope; and

4 **WHEREAS** the demand for natural gas within the state is expected to increase
5 steadily; and

6 **WHEREAS** the construction of a smaller gas pipeline, sometimes referred to as a
7 "bullet line," may be constructed and be capable of delivering the state's natural gas to in-state
8 markets before the major gas pipeline project from the North Slope is operational; and

9 **WHEREAS** all reasonable action necessary should be taken to construct an in-state
10 natural gas bullet pipeline sooner rather than later;

11 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests the governor to
12 provide energy security for all Alaskans by working on significant elements and components
13 to support the timely construction of a natural gas bullet pipeline from the North Slope to the
14 Cook Inlet region and to take necessary action to assist and facilitate the process for a private
15 entity to make a final investment decision to commit to the pipeline before November 1, 2010.