

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Introduced: 3/16/11

Referred: House Special Committee on Energy, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Establishing in the Alaska State Legislature the Alaska Working Group on Interstate**
2 **Energy Production.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** eliminating the nation's reliance on foreign energy resources represents
5 an important but continually elusive state and national goal; and

6 **WHEREAS**, among the states, Alaska is in a key position to move the nation closer to
7 that goal; and

8 **WHEREAS** approximately 65 percent of the land in the state is owned and managed
9 by the federal government; and

10 **WHEREAS** federal law and policy, including the National Environmental Policy Act
11 and the Endangered Species Act, excessively limit and interfere with production of energy
12 and energy resources in the state and in other states; and

13 **WHEREAS** states that produce energy or energy resources continue to experience
14 negative consequences from delay or cancellation of economically viable energy-related
15 projects because federal law and federal law enforcement too often overreach the federal
16 government's constitutional authority to make and enforce laws; and

1 **WHEREAS** each state can produce energy or energy resources more effectively if all
2 states that produce energy or energy resources unite and act as one to influence energy-related
3 federal law and policy;

4 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska Working Group on Interstate Energy Production
5 is established in the Alaska State Legislature to develop a proposal for an inter-legislature
6 agreement that will facilitate collaboration between the Alaska State Legislature and other
7 state legislatures in efforts to influence federal energy-related law and policy and to
8 discourage delay or cancellation of economically viable energy-related projects in the state
9 and in other states; and be it

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska Working Group on Interstate Energy
11 Production shall consist of four members, with two senators appointed by the President of the
12 Senate and two representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
13 be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska Working Group on Interstate Energy
15 Production may meet during and between regular sessions of the Alaska State Legislature,
16 and, subject to approval by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives, as appropriate, a member of the Alaska Working Group on Interstate Energy
18 Production may travel in the state or to other states as necessary to accomplish the purposes of
19 the Alaska Working Group on Interstate Energy Production; and be it

20 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska Working Group on Interstate Energy
21 Production shall terminate January 18, 2013; and be it

22 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska Working Group on Interstate Energy
23 Production shall submit a report of its findings and proposed legislative changes to the Alaska
24 State Legislature on or before January 17, 2012, and may make additional reports that the
25 Alaska Working Group on Interstate Energy Production considers advisable.