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HCR 9

State Energy Production Working Group

House Concurrent Resolution 9 establishes in the Alaska State Legislature the Alaska Working Group on Interstate Energy Production.

This legislation was crafted in response to legislation proposed by other states that produce energy and energy resources. Alaska, along with other states, continues to experience the negative consequences from delay or cancellation of economically viable energy-related projects because federal law and federal law enforcement too often overreach the federal government's constitutional authority to make and enforce laws.

Federal law and policy, including the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act, excessively limit and interfere with production of energy and energy resources in Alaska and in other states.

HCR 9 establishes the Alaska Working Group on Interstate Energy Production to work with other state Legislatures to develop a proposal for an inter-legislature agreement that will facilitate collaboration between the Alaska State Legislature and other state legislatures in efforts to influence federal energy-related law and policy and to discourage delay or cancellation of economically viable energy-related projects in the state and in other states.

I urge your support of this important legislation.