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Sponsor Statement for House Joint Resolution 14

"Requesting the United States Congress and the Governor to take actions necessary to delay implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act."

The passage of House Joint Resolution 14 calls on the United States Congress and the Governor of Alaska to delay the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act passed in Congress March 23, 2010.

This resolution highlights the drastic impacts the Affordable Care Act will have on Alaska; including increased demand for state spending, increases in insurance premiums, financial burdens on small businesses, and cost Alaskans jobs.

The Affordable Care Act provides for implementation over a period of years and will lead to federal government takeover of the health care industry, increase health care costs, result in higher taxes, destroy jobs, and impair the ability of businesses to grow, compete, and create jobs in the Alaska.

HJR 1 calls on the United States Congress to delay the implementation of the Affordable Care Act until a full analysis of the economic effects, including job losses in the state, can be clearly quantified.

This resolution requests the Governor to take actions necessary to delay the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in the state to protect Alaskans and the state's economy from the onerous taxes and regulations contained in the law.

I request your support of this resolution, and the call to delay the implementation of this onerous program that has already created great uncertainty among small business owners, slowed economic growth, and limited hiring opportunities for unemployed Alaskans and Americans.