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## MEMORANDUM

January 29, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Sectional Summary (Work Order No. 29-LS0429\A)

**TO:** Representative Benjamin Nageak  
Attn: Maridon Boario

**FROM:** Emily Nauman   
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described resolution.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a resolution should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

The **whereas clauses** starting on page one, line nine and running through page four, line eight lay out a history of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, as it relates to the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), specifically the coastal plain area. The whereas clauses describe the amount of oil estimated to be present in the coastal plain, describe its significance to local villages and native corporations, and estimate the number of recreationalists that visit the area. The whereas clauses then proceed to describe the revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for ANWR, describe observed deficiencies with the CCP, and note that the CCP has an accompanying Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The **first resolve** states that the Legislature opposes the revised CCP and EIS and any recommendation made by President Obama based on the CCP.

The **second resolve** states that the Legislature opposes any attempt by the to alter the management or status of the coastal plain of ANWR.

The **third resolve** states that the Legislature encourages members of the U.S. Congress to reject any proposal that is based on the revised CCP or accompanying EIS.

The **final resolve** states that the Legislature encourages each member of the U.S. Congress to reject any proposal that does not open the coastal plain of the ANWR to oil and gas development.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

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