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Summary of Changes CS for SJR 16 Version W to Version H 29-LS0605\H

Page 1 Line 6

Three new "WHEREAS's" were inserted.

Insert:

"WHEREAS Alaska is what makes the United States and Arctic Nation; and
WHEREAS the chair of the Arctic Economic Council should, with the support of the state of
Alaska and the US Congress, be a resident of Alaska, and
WHEREAS the chair of the Arctic Economic Council should mirror the rotation of the chair of
the Arctic Council; and"

Page 1, Line 14-15

This line was deleted in lieu of the new Page 1 Line 9-10

Delete: "~~WHEREAS the United States is a member nation because of the Arctic region of this
state; and~~"

Page 2, line 11

Delete: "~~WHEREAS Minister Aglukqaq is an Inuk from Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada; and~~"

Page 2, Lines 14-15

Delete: “~~WHEREAS Minister Aglukkaq recognizes that environmental stewardship must be balanced with responsible development of natural and human resources; and~~”

Insert: “WHEREAS like Alaskans and the Alaska State Legislature, Minister Aglukkaq recognizes the importance of responsible economic, natural and human resource development as well as the importance of a healthy environment; and”

This is now page 2, Lines 21-23

Page 2, lines 23-31

The following lines were deleted for redundancy and clarity

Delete:

~~“WHEREAS the Arctic Economic council held its inaugural organization meeting in Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada, on September 2-3, 2014; and~~

~~WHEREAS representatives from member countries of the United States of America, the Russian Federation, Finland, Norway, Sweden, the Kingdom of Denmark, Iceland, and Canada attended the inaugural meeting in Iqaluit; and~~

~~WHEREAS representatives from the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, Arctic Athabaskan Council, Gwich'in Council International, the Saami Council, and the Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North represented the Permanent Participants at the inaugural meeting in Iqaluit; and”~~

Page 3, Lines 6-7

Delete: “~~WHEREAS the federal government had no official presence at the inaugural meeting in Iqaluit; and~~”

Insert: “WHEREAS the federal government had no official presence at the inaugural meeting of the Arctic Economic Council, the entire United States delegation was made up of Alaskans; and”

This is now Page 3, Lines 5-7

Page 3, Lines 15-20

The following lines were deleted and combined into a new WHEREAS for brevity and clarity (Below)

Delete:

~~“WHEREAS as residents of an Arctic state, Alaskans realize the importance of balancing responsible economic development of natural and human resources and environmental stewardship; and~~

~~WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature recognizes that Alaskans need both responsible economic development and environmental stewardship to continue to thrive, especially in the Arctic; and”~~

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Page 3, Lines 21-22

Delete: ~~“WHEREAS Arctic indigenous people, including indigenous residents of the state, rely on the land and the sea to sustain traditional lifestyles; and”~~

Insert: “WHEREAS Alaskans living in the Arctic, as well as indigenous residents of the state, rely on the land and the sea to sustain traditional lifestyles, and have a wealth to traditional knowledge that could be incorporated into the policies that affect the Arctic; and”

This is now Page 3, Lines 18-20

Page 3, Lines 26-28

The following was deleted and combined with the above change for brevity and clarity

Delete ~~“WHEREAS Arctic indigenous people, including indigenous residents of the state, have a wealth of traditional knowledge that could be incorporated into the policies that affect the Arctic; and”~~

Page 4, lines 3-8

The following lines were reordered for clarity and changed from “WHEREAS” to “Resolved”

Delete:

~~“WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature seeks to empower the United States Arctic Economic Council delegation, which consists entirely of residents of the state; and~~

~~WHEREAS the federal government should work to empower residents of the state, especially indigenous residents of the state, as partners in the Arctic Economic Council;~~

~~BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its confidence in and support for the Arctic Economic Council; and be it”~~

Page 3, lines 29-31

Insert:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature seeks to empower the United States Arctic Economic Delegation, which consists entirely of residents of this state; and”

Page 4, Lines 1-2

Insert:

“FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislatures expresses its confidence in and support for the Arctic Economic Council; and”

Page 4, lines 8-9

Insert:

“FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States federal government to work to empower Alaskans as partners in the Arctic Economic Council;”