

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries

A RESOLUTION

1 **Supporting the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Industry Advisory Committee**
2 **and further efforts to carry out the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the maritime industry in the state includes seafood harvesting, seafood
5 processing, vessel construction and repair, research, resource enhancement and management,
6 marine transportation and freight, and other activities or services; and

7 **WHEREAS** those services and activities have only recently become widely
8 recognized as making up a discrete maritime industry; and

9 **WHEREAS** the maritime industry in the state consists of more than 500 businesses
10 and a workforce of 68,000 persons, making the industry the largest private sector employer in
11 the state; and

12 **WHEREAS** significant economic benefits resulting directly from activity in the
13 maritime industry include, for example, the addition of \$6,750,000,000 to the state's economy
14 in 2011; and

15 **WHEREAS** significant economic benefits resulting indirectly from activity in the
16 maritime industry include, for example, the addition of \$1,000,000,000 to the state's economy

1 in 2011 from transportation spending related to the maritime industry; and

2 **WHEREAS** approximately 50 percent of persons employed in the state's maritime
3 industry are residents of the state; and

4 **WHEREAS** the number of maritime industry jobs in the state that require a high level
5 of technical and professional skill is increasing; and

6 **WHEREAS** the maritime industry in the state seeks to increase the number of state
7 residents who have the technical skills, professional skills, and motivation to succeed in the
8 maritime industry; and

9 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Industry Advisory
10 Committee was established to work with employers, state agencies, the University of Alaska,
11 and other regional and local providers of vocational education and technical training to
12 implement the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in order to succeed, the plan requires that the maritime industry,
14 educators, state government, and regional and local providers of vocational education and
15 technical training collaborate to increase the number of state residents who have the technical
16 skills, professional skills, and motivation to succeed in the maritime industry; and

17 **WHEREAS** the plan seeks to increase career awareness, workforce recruitment and
18 retention, and training in job readiness and core competencies; and

19 **WHEREAS** the plan seeks to increase professional development in emerging and
20 high-demand occupational categories, including 23 categories the plan specifically identifies;
21 and

22 **WHEREAS** the best way to carry out the plan is for the industry to lead a
23 collaboration with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the Department of
24 Education and Early Development, the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic
25 Development, the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Transportation and
26 Public Facilities, the University of Alaska, regional and local providers of vocational
27 education and technical training, Community Development Quota organizations, tribal and
28 local governments, and public and private schools; and

29 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature in Legislative Resolve 36, Twenty-Seventh
30 Alaska State Legislature, identified maritime workforce development as a priority;

31 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the Alaska Maritime

1 Workforce Development Plan and calls for further collaboration between the maritime
2 industry, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the Department of Education
3 and Early Development, the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic
4 Development, the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Transportation and
5 Public Facilities, the University of Alaska, regional and local providers of vocational
6 education and technical training, Community Development Quota organizations, tribal and
7 local governments, public and private schools, and other stakeholders to implement the plan;
8 and be it

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the Senate shall appoint a member of
10 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a member of the
11 House of Representatives, to liaison with the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development
12 Industry Advisory Committee to ensure that members of the legislature are kept informed
13 regarding implementation of the plan; and be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
15 governor to direct the commissioner of education and early development, the commissioner of
16 commerce, community, and economic development, the commissioner of fish and game, the
17 commissioner of labor and workforce development, the commissioner of transportation and
18 public facilities, and the president of the University of Alaska to collaborate with the Alaska
19 Maritime Workforce Development Industry Advisory Committee regarding implementation
20 of the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan and, by January 30, 2016, deliver a
21 report regarding that collaboration and plans for further collaboration to the Senate Secretary
22 and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and notify the legislature that the report
23 is available.