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Finance CS for Senate Concurrent Resolution 10: Seafood Industry Task Force Summary of Changes from Prior Version (“A” to “B”)

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- Change #1** Added language to the “whereas” sections describing increased costs of operations, high interest rates, and the fact that numerous processing facilities are either for sale, closing, or planning to shut down for some or all of the 2024 season.
- Change #2** Adds a new duty to the task force, to consider a policy for limited entry buyback programs. Also rewords the existing duties for clarity.
- Change #3** Reorganizes the membership in the task force. The total number of members is increased to thirteen, including the two senators and two representatives that were in the original resolution. The nine public members are:
- Three representatives of the seafood processing sector, including two larger processors (owning two or more shoreside plants in multiple communities) and one small processor (with a single plant).
 - Three commercial seafood harvesters, including one salmon harvester, one whitefish harvester, and one shellfish harvester.
 - Three representatives of fishing-dependent communities, including one from rural western Alaska, one from a Gulf of Alaska community, and one from Southeast.
 - In addition, there are three non-voting ex-officio members. These are the Commissioners of Commerce, Fish and Game, and Revenue, or their designees.
- Change #4** Clarifies that the members of the task force shall objectively represent and support the statewide seafood industry, not their specific region or fishery.