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Relating to use of Alaska products and services.

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

WHEREAS the state needs to develop and maintain a strong, stable, and prosperous economic base; and

WHEREAS the use of products manufactured, grown, or produced in Alaska strengthens, stabilizes, and diversifies the state's economy; and

WHEREAS all residents of the state can play a vital role in the state's economy by purchasing and using state goods and services; and

WHEREAS individuals, businesses, and governmental agencies too frequently purchase and use out-of-state products and services, which reduces the number of jobs available for state residents and weakens the economy of the state; and

WHEREAS, if more Alaska products and services provided by Alaska residents were used by governmental and private entities in the state, more jobs would be created and retained in the state; and

WHEREAS the bid documents for public and private contracts frequently do not specify the use of available Alaska products, comparable out-of-state goods are purchased instead, and these purchases result in a loss of revenue for the state and weaken the state's economic base; and

WHEREAS private and public service contracts are frequently awarded to out-of-state firms although state residents are fully capable of providing the same services at comparable prices; and

WHEREAS Alaska suppliers, manufacturers, and providers of services are more accessible and responsive to the needs of the state's business community than their out-of-state counterparts;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to examine the purchasing practices of the executive branch and ensure that the executive branch complies with all statutory requirements dealing with the purchase and use of Alaska products and services; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the judicial branch, the University of Alaska, and the Alaska Railroad Corporation to examine their purchasing practices to determine if they comply with all applicable statutory requirements dealing with the purchase and use of Alaska products and services; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges all state residents, businesses, civic organizations, municipalities, school districts, and other public, quasi-public, and private entities to buy and use Alaska products and services.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the state; the President of the University of Alaska; the commissioner of each department of the executive branch of the state; the mayor of each municipality of the state; the superintendent of each school district in the state; and to the chair of the board of directors of the Alaska Railroad Corporation.