

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 57

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIES

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Referred: House Special Committee on World Trade and State/Federal Relations, State Affairs, Resources

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to conveyance of land in the Dalton Highway corridor to the State of
2 Alaska.

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

4 WHEREAS, under Public Land Order 5150, as amended, the Department of the
5 Interior withdrew public land in Alaska for a utility and transportation corridor; and

6 WHEREAS the corridor established by Public Land Order 5150, as amended, contains
7 the state-owned and maintained Dalton Highway and is the sole link between the North Slope
8 of Alaska and the Interior of Alaska; and

9 WHEREAS all of the remaining land between the North Slope and the Interior of
10 Alaska have been withdrawn for national parks and wildlife refuges; and

11 WHEREAS the State of Alaska derives over 80 percent of its revenue from oil located
12 on the North Slope and shipped by a pipeline traversing the corridor; and

13 WHEREAS the proposed trans-Alaska gas pipeline will also traverse land within the
14 corridor; and

15 WHEREAS the Department of the Interior has gradually conveyed to the State of
16 Alaska over half of the land originally withdrawn by Public Land Order 5150; and

1 **WHEREAS** the present land pattern within the corridor is a patchwork of federal land
2 and state land; and

3 **WHEREAS** the efficient and effective management of isolated tracts of land is
4 difficult and expensive for both the state and federal governments; and

5 **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska has selected the remaining federal lands within the
6 corridor for state ownership under the Alaska Statehood Act;

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
8 Department of the Interior to revoke Public Land Order 5150, as amended, and other relevant
9 public land orders that withdrew land within the utility and transportation corridor from state
10 selection under the Alaska Statehood Act and to convey the remaining federal lands within
11 the corridor to the State of Alaska.

12 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
13 United States; the Honorable Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior;
14 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and
15 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
16 Congress.