

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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Referred: Labor and Commerce

A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing a Joint Committee on Electric Utility Restructuring.

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

3 WHEREAS electricity is among modern society's most basic requirements and
4 commodities; and

5 WHEREAS even other forms of infrastructure, such as water and waste water systems,
6 are largely dependent on electricity; and

7 WHEREAS the provision of adequate, reliable, and reasonably priced electrical energy
8 is essential to the daily functions, safety, and economic well-being of Alaskans, their local
9 communities, and the state; and

10 WHEREAS it has been long-standing public policy in Alaska, as in other states, to
11 require state regulation of electric utilities as to service areas, and state or local regulation as
12 to rates, safety, and quality of service; and

13 WHEREAS fundamental restructuring of the electric utility industry is now under
14 deliberation by the Congress and other states; and

15 WHEREAS electric utility restructuring is a highly complex issue, carrying with it
16 profound implications for all classes of electrical consumers; and

17 WHEREAS the implications and ramifications of such restructuring deserve detailed,

1 careful, and informed decision making by the Alaska State Legislature;

2 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that a Joint Committee on Electric
3 Utility Restructuring is established; and be it

4 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
5 President of the Senate shall determine an equal number of members of the House of
6 Representatives and of the Senate to serve on the joint committee, and that the Speaker of the
7 House of Representatives shall appoint the representatives to the committee and that the
8 President of the Senate shall appoint the senators to the committee; and be it

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the joint committee may meet during and after the
10 Second Session of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature and is terminated on the convening
11 of the First Session of the Twenty-First Alaska State Legislature; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the joint committee shall provide to the legislature
13 written recommendations on whether and how to implement electric utility restructuring in
14 Alaska.