

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 57

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Resources

A RESOLUTION

**1 Supporting passage of the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999 by the
2 United States Congress.**

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

4 WHEREAS Representative Don Young has introduced H.R. 701, the "Conservation
**5 and Reinvestment Act of 1999," and Senator Frank Murkowski has co-sponsored S. 25, a
6 companion bill in the Senate; and**

7 WHEREAS H.R. 701 and S. 25 would deliver up to \$160,000,000 annually in new
8 federal dollars to the State of Alaska; and

9 WHEREAS H.R. 701 and S. 25 have broad bipartisan support, with more than 280
10 members of Congress as cosponsors; and

11 WHEREAS H.R. 701 and S. 25 would share revenues from federal outer continental
12 shelf development with coastal states; and

13 WHEREAS these funds rightfully belong to states, as they are generated by the
14 extraction of nonrenewable resources off state coasts; and

15 WHEREAS this new federal funding would help reduce the gap between state revenue
16 and spending and provide assistance to Alaska municipalities; and

1 **WHEREAS** this legislation would give each state the flexibility to fund projects with
2 the greatest benefits to its residents; and

3 **WHEREAS** Alaska would also receive up to \$17,000,000 for wildlife conservation
4 each year; and

5 **WHEREAS** Alaska would receive an additional \$3,000,000 for outdoor recreation
6 projects, such as ball fields, trails, basketball courts, and other recreation facilities in urban
7 and rural areas in Alaska; and

8 **WHEREAS**, without similar funding, the State of Alaska would not have been able
9 to develop many of the state's most popular local parks and playing fields; and

10 **WHEREAS**, by providing needed funding for recreation projects and wildlife
11 conservation, these bills would improve the quality of life for all Alaskans and help Alaska's
12 tourism industry remain a strong segment of our economy; and

13 **WHEREAS**, under this legislation, local governments in Alaska will also receive up
14 to \$10,000,000 in payments in lieu of taxes;

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature finds that H.R. 701 and S. 25,
16 the "Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999," would provide substantial benefits to the
17 people of Alaska and the communities in which we live; and be it

18 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports these bills and
19 urges the United States Congress to promptly pass H.R. 701 or S. 25.

20 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President
21 Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Trent Lott, Majority Leader of the U.S.
22 Senate; the Honorable Don Nickles, Assistant Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the
23 Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable
24 Dick Armey, Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Tom
25 DeLay, Majority Whip of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted
26 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
27 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.