

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Supporting the passage of a comprehensive long-term state budgetary and fiscal regime.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** the legislature and the governor are responsible for fulfilling certain state
4 constitutional mandates including

- 5 (1) providing for
- 6 (A) public education;
 - 7 (B) utilization, development, and conservation of natural resources;
 - 8 (C) leases and permits for mineral exploration and development;
 - 9 (D) public health and welfare;
- 10 (2) ensuring that individuals and organizations enjoy due process of law;
- 11 (3) protecting the civil rights of individuals; and

12 **WHEREAS** the legislature and the governor are responsible for fulfilling other needs
13 of the people and the state including

- 14 (1) providing for
- 15 (A) public safety;
 - 16 (B) the maintenance and construction of highways, airports, and other

1 public facilities;

2 (C) the operation of a state university;

3 (2) providing a framework of law and regulation and a transportation system
4 that allows and promotes economic growth and prosperity;

5 (3) protecting the environment; and

6 **WHEREAS** it is recognized that the fulfillment of the responsibilities of state
7 government will require expenditures; and

8 **WHEREAS** it is recognized that the current state fiscal regime is inadequate to meet
9 the budgetary needs of the state in the long term; and

10 **WHEREAS** the legislature acknowledges that a successful, long-term budgetary and
11 fiscal regime requires four components consisting of

12 (1) cost control;

13 (2) use of some earnings of the permanent fund;

14 (3) a broad-based form of taxation;

15 (4) economic growth and prosperity;

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports and will pass

17 (1) a cost control measure such as CSSJR 23(FIN) am, amending the
18 constitutional appropriation limit;

19 (2) a bill providing for the use of some earnings of the permanent fund such as
20 HB 304;

21 (3) measures creating economic growth and prosperity such as HB 311, which
22 will provide incentives for increased oil production, and HB 302 and SSHB 190, which will
23 enhance the probability and quicken the development of an Alaska natural gas pipeline.