

**HOUSE CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29(STA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/10/02**

**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS KELLY, Phillips, Donley, Leman**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to urging the Governor to institute a hiring freeze on state government.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** the state is facing a budget shortfall of \$873,000,000 for fiscal year 2002,  
4 and the proposed fiscal year 2003 budget has an estimated \$1,200,000,000 shortfall; and

5 **WHEREAS** the balance of the constitutional budget reserve fund used to fill this  
6 budget shortfall is expected to be exhausted by July 2004 if the proposed fiscal year 2003  
7 budget is fully funded; and

8 **WHEREAS** the proposed fiscal year 2003 budget contains an increase of 858 full-  
9 time positions from the current fiscal year, at a cost of \$115,000,000; and

10 **WHEREAS** reduced spending for state operations will likely be necessary in dealing  
11 with the budget shortfall; and

12 **WHEREAS** the decision to avoid hiring state employees rather than resorting to  
13 layoffs is fairer to current employees; and

14 **WHEREAS** reducing the number of state positions through the process of attrition  
15 allows for both immediate and long-term savings in personnel costs;

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the

- 1 Governor to institute an immediate hiring freeze for all positions funded with general funds
- 2 except those temporary positions needed to respond to emergencies or needed for reasons
- 3 involving health and safety.