

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21**  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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**Referred: Finance**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to establishing the Alaska Energy Policy Task Force.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** an adequate, reliable, reasonably priced, and safe supply of electric  
4 energy is a basic necessity; and

5 **WHEREAS** other infrastructure elements such as water, wastewater, transportation,  
6 and telecommunications systems are dependent on an adequate, reliable, reasonably priced,  
7 and safe supply of energy; and

8 **WHEREAS** meaningful economic development and technological advancement  
9 cannot occur in Alaska without an adequate, reliable, safe, and reasonably priced energy  
10 supply; and

11 **WHEREAS** over 85 percent of the state's electrical consumption occurs in the  
12 Railbelt; and

13 **WHEREAS** the needs of the non-Railbelt areas of the state include more electrical  
14 infrastructure and less expensive power; and

15 **WHEREAS** it would be beneficial to examine how electricity is generated,  
16 transmitted, and distributed in Alaska in order to meet the state's existing and future electrical

1 needs in the safest and most efficient manner; and

2 **WHEREAS** the financial resources of the state are limited;

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature establishes the Alaska Energy  
4 Policy Task Force to review and analyze the state's current and long-term energy needs; and  
5 be it

6 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall consider how best to incorporate  
7 state-owned Railbelt energy assets as part of the solution for the Railbelt's current and long-  
8 term electrical needs; and be it

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall also address those elements of the  
10 state's long-term energy needs that can be solved through action on the part of industry,  
11 government, or both industry and government working together, such as through pooling and  
12 integrated resource planning; and be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall develop a long-term energy plan  
14 for Alaska that will efficiently enhance the state's economic future; and be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall be composed of nine members as  
16 follows:

17 (1) the chair of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, who shall act as chair  
18 of the Alaska Energy Policy Task Force;

19 (2) one member from the board of directors of the Alaska Industrial  
20 Development and Export Authority, selected by the governor;

21 (3) the commissioner of revenue;

22 (4) two members chosen by the governor who are not members of the  
23 legislature;

24 (5) two members chosen by the president of the senate who are not members  
25 of the legislature;

26 (6) two members chosen by the speaker of the house of representatives who  
27 are not members of the legislature; and be it

28 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that members shall be chosen in such a manner that a  
29 utility will not have more than one representative on the task force, but at least one member  
30 will be from a Railbelt electrical utility, and at least one member will be from a non-Railbelt  
31 electrical utility; and be it

1           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that task force members who are not state employees are  
2 entitled to per diem and travel expenses as for members of boards and commissions under  
3 AS 39.20.180; and be it

4           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that a staff member and other resources shall be provided  
5 to the task force, as necessary, by the legislature; and be it

6           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall submit a report of its findings  
7 regarding a Railbelt energy plan to the legislature by December 31, 2003, and may make any  
8 interim reports on Railbelt energy issues it considers advisable; and be it

9           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall submit reports of its finding  
10 regarding energy plans for areas of the state other than the Railbelt to the legislature by  
11 March 31, 2004, and may make any interim reports it considers advisable; and be it

12           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force is terminated at 11:59 p.m. on April 15,  
13 2004.