

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/9/03

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HARRIS, Masek, Chenault, Foster, Morgan, Lynn, Cissna, Wilson, Dahlstrom, Guttenberg, Crawford, Gara, Berkowitz

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) one member from the directors of the Alaska Energy Authority, selected
18 by the directors;

19 (2) the commissioner of revenue;

20 (3) two members chosen by the governor who are not members of the
21 legislature;

22 (4) three members chosen by the president of the senate who are not members
23 of the legislature, one of whom must be from a list of three names proposed jointly by the
24 minority leaders of the house of representatives and the senate, and the appointment from the
25 list shall be made after consultation with the speaker of the house of representatives;

26 (5) 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 the members of the task force shall select a chair from
2 among themselves; and be it

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

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

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

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

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