

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to information infrastructure and establishing the Alaska Information**
2 **Infrastructure Policy Task Force.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the development of information infrastructure will provide Alaska
5 communities with access to broadband connectivity and provide for improved
6 telecommunications, health care, education, homeland security, and economic development
7 opportunities; and

8 **WHEREAS** access to fiber optic connectivity will help bridge the digital divide that
9 separates rural Alaska from the benefits of technological advances realized by urban areas;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS** public-private partnerships have been used successfully around the globe
12 to facilitate information infrastructure development; and

13 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority may issue
14 conduit revenue bonds for qualified applicants;

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature establishes the Alaska
16 Information Infrastructure Policy Task Force to review and analyze the state's current and

1 long-term information infrastructure needs; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force is to begin work on June 1, 2004, or as
3 soon after that date as possible; and be it

4 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall consider how best to define the
5 state role and interest in information infrastructure development; and be it

6 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall address the state's long-term
7 information infrastructure needs by encouraging industry and government to take action,
8 either separately or through joint efforts such as pooling and integrated resource planning, to
9 meet those needs; and be it

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall develop a long-term information
11 infrastructure plan for Alaska that will efficiently enhance the state's economic future; and be
12 it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall be composed of 13 members,
14 including:

15 (1) one member from among the members of the Alaska Industrial
16 Development and Export Authority described in AS 44.88.030(a), selected by the members of
17 the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority;

18 (2) the commissioner of military and veterans' affairs or the commissioner's
19 designee;

20 (3) the commissioner of community and economic development or the
21 commissioner's designee;

22 (4) four members of the legislature chosen jointly by the Speaker of the House
23 of Representatives and the President of the Senate, one of whom shall be chosen from a list of
24 three names proposed jointly by the minority leaders of the House of Representatives and the
25 Senate;

26 (5) four at-large members chosen jointly by the Speaker of the House of
27 Representatives and the President of the Senate;

28 (6) two members chosen by the President of the University of Alaska who are
29 not members of the legislature or members of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export
30 Authority described in AS 44.88.030(a); and be it

31 **FURTHER RESOLVED** the members of the task force shall select a chair from

1 among themselves; and be it

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

4 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force may meet during the interim and shall
5 submit a report of its findings regarding an information infrastructure plan to the legislature
6 by December 31, 2004; and be it

7 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force may make any interim reports on
8 information infrastructure issues that it considers advisable; and be it

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force is terminated at 11:59 p.m. on April 15,
10 2005.