

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32(EDT)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INTERNATIONAL TRADE,
AND TOURISM**

Offered: 3/3/04

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES KOTT, Crawford, Heinze, Chenault

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 shall identify existing public and private
3 fiber and broadband infrastructure in Alaska; and be it

4 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall conduct a preliminary analysis of
5 the state's long-term infrastructure needs; and be it

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

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

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

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

17 (1) the commissioner of military and veterans' affairs or the commissioner's
18 designee;

19 (2) the commissioner of community and economic development or the
20 commissioner's designee;

21 (3) one member chosen by the President of the University of Alaska;

22 (4) seven at-large members chosen jointly by the Speaker of the House of
23 Representatives and the President of the Senate;

24 (5) three members of the legislature, including one chosen by the Speaker of
25 the House of Representatives, one chosen by the President of the Senate, and one chosen
26 jointly by of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate from
27 a list of three names proposed jointly by the minority leaders of the House of Representatives
28 and the Senate; and be it

29 **FURTHER RESOLVED** the members of the task force shall select a chair from
30 among themselves; and be it

31 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that a staff member and other resources shall be provided

1 to the task force, as necessary, by the legislature; 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 may meet during the interim; and be it

5 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force members shall serve without
6 compensation but are entitled to transportation expenses and per diem as authorized for
7 members of boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180; and be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall provide a report of its findings, the
9 long-term information infrastructure plan, and any draft legislation the task force finds
10 necessary to meet the identified long-term infrastructure needs of the state to the legislature
11 not later than the first day of the First Regular Session of the Twenty-Fourth Alaska State
12 Legislature; and be it

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

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force is terminated not later than the
16 adjournment of the First Regular Session of the Twenty-Fourth Alaska State Legislature.