

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to renewable energy resource development.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** an adequate, reliable, reasonably priced, and safe supply of electrical
4 energy is necessary for Alaska's basic infrastructure and economic and technological
5 development; and

6 **WHEREAS** the Twenty-Third Alaska State Legislature established the Alaska Energy
7 Policy Task Force in 2003 to review and analyze the state's current and long-term energy
8 needs; and

9 **WHEREAS** a stated goal of the task force in its final report to the legislature is to
10 "promote research, development and demonstration of clean renewable energy technologies";
11 and

12 **WHEREAS** the task force found that one of the state's long-term energy needs is to
13 "identify and evaluate long-term fuel sources," and recommended that the state should
14 "increase the proportion of renewables in long-term fuel sources"; and

15 **WHEREAS** the task force recommended that the executive branch "utilize Alaska's
16 abundant renewable resources in the production of hydrogen," which is an emerging future

1 fuel for the world; and

2 **WHEREAS** the cost of fuels such as natural gas and diesel that Alaskans rely on in
3 large part to generate electric power is steadily rising; and

4 **WHEREAS** there is virtually no fuel cost associated with renewable energy
5 resources; and

6 **WHEREAS** development of the state's infinite renewable energy resources such as
7 wind, geothermal, biomass, hydroelectric, and tidal is essential to the task force's vision to
8 have sustainable power for the state; and

9 **WHEREAS** other states and nations are working successfully to exploit their
10 renewable energy resources; and

11 **WHEREAS** the development of the state's renewable energy resources will aid the
12 state's basic infrastructure and economic and technological development; and

13 **WHEREAS** the development of renewable energy resources will benefit rural areas of
14 the state that are currently burdened by a dependence on expensive nonrenewable energy
15 resources;

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature acknowledges the Alaska
17 Energy Policy Task Force for its work to promote the development of Alaska's abundant
18 renewable energy resources; and be it

19 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages Governor
20 Murkowski and his staff to work to increase the production of renewable energy in Alaska
21 and bring the benefits of renewable energy to all of its citizens.