

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to a task force and the school district cost factor adjustments for education**
2 **funding.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

4 **WHEREAS** a study conducted in the state in 2004 by the Institute of Social and
5 Economic Research recommended that the school district cost factors under AS 14.17.460(a)
6 be increased to more accurately reflect cost differentials in rural school districts; and

7 **WHEREAS** a study published in 2003, by the Institute for Social and Economic
8 Research also recommended that the school district cost factors under AS 14.17.460(a) be
9 increased to more accurately reflect cost differentials in rural school districts; and

10 **WHEREAS** the studies of school district cost factors should be valid, defensible, and
11 decisive; and

12 **WHEREAS** the rates of inflation, building, and energy costs, and other costs affecting
13 education are significantly higher in rural school districts than in urban school districts; and

14 **WHEREAS** the current district cost factors under AS 14.17.460(a) do not accurately
15 reflect the cost differentials among the school districts.

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Representatives establish a seven-member task

1 force on school district cost factors to evaluate proposals that are based on available facts and
2 conclusions pertaining to school district cost differentials. The task force shall be comprised
3 of at least four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the
4 House of Representatives and three members, appointed at the discretion of the President of
5 the Senate. The task force shall prepare a written report with recommendations to be
6 delivered to the House of Representatives and the Senate not later than January 20, 2006. The
7 task force members will receive no additional compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of
8 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.