

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10 am**

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

**BY REPRESENTATIVES CHENAULT, Elkins, LeDoux**

**Amended: 5/10/05**  
**Introduced: 5/10/05**

**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 and foundation formula to evaluate proposals that are  
2 based on available facts and conclusions pertaining to school district cost differentials. The  
3 task force shall be comprised of at least four members of the House of Representatives,  
4 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and three members may be  
5 appointed at the discretion of the President of the Senate by July 15, 2005. The task force  
6 shall prepare a written report with recommendations to be delivered to the House of  
7 Representatives and the Senate not later than January 20, 2006. The task force members will  
8 receive no additional compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House  
9 of Representatives.