

AMENDMENT #1



OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE PETERSEN

TO: HCR 19

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On page ~~16~~ line 18, after "and" insert:

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3 **"WHEREAS** historically average gasoline and diesel prices in Alaska, and the
4 margins charged by Alaskan refineries, have been only slightly higher than, and at
5 times even lower than, prices in Washington state; and

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7 **WHEREAS** since the summer of 2008 average Alaskan gasoline prices have
8 consistently been the highest prices in the nation, excluding state taxes, and these high
9 prices have had a devastating effect on the economy of communities across the state
10 and hurt small business development; and

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12 **WHEREAS** separate investigations by the House Judiciary Committee, Attorney
13 General, and the Legislative Research Services have shown that these high prices have
14 been caused by high margins charged by Alaska's two major oil refineries; and

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16 **WHEREAS** U.S. Department of Energy reports have shown that since the summer of
17 2008 Alaskan refinery margins have been dramatically higher than refinery margins in
18 the other forty-nine states; and

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20 **WHEREAS** there has been no major disaster or state regulation to cause Alaskan
21 refinery margins to be so much higher than historical levels, and

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23 **WHEREAS** the Attorney General has concluded that the two refineries that dominate
24 Alaska's gasoline market constitute an "oligopoly" and do not compete with each
25 other for prices; and

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27 **WHEREAS** the constitution of Alaska requires that Alaskan natural resources be used

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1 to the "maximum benefit" of Alaskan people; and"

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3 **WHEREAS** 75% of the crude oil used to make gasoline used at one of the major
4 refineries comes from Alaska, and 100% of the crude oil used by the other refinery
5 comes from Alaska; and

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7 **WHEREAS** Alaska has no law protecting businesses and consumers from excessive
8 or exorbitant prices for gasoline, diesel, or heating oil; and

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10 On page 2 line 29 after "**RESOLVED**" insert:

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12 "that the Alaska Legislature finds that it is unconstitutional for Alaskans and Alaskan
13 businesses to be charged excessive or exorbitant price for fuel refined from Alaskan
14 crude oil; and

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16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Attorney General is requested to prepare
17 legislation to protect Alaskans and Alaskan businesses from excessive or exorbitant
18 prices for fuel refined from Alaskan crude oil and to submit this legislation to the
19 Alaska legislature at the convening of the Twenty-Seventh Alaska Legislature; and

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21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**"

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23 On page 3 line 3 after "price." insert:

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25 "A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Sullivan, Attorney
26 General of Alaska, and the Honorable Ted Leonard, executive director of the Alaska
27 Industrial Development and Export Authority"