

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5 am
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A RESOLUTION

1 **Requesting the governor to provide energy security for all Alaskans by working on**
2 **significant elements and components to support the timely construction of a natural gas**
3 **bullet pipeline from the North Slope to the Cook Inlet region and to take necessary and**
4 **appropriate action to assist and facilitate the process for a private entity to make a final**
5 **investment decision to commit to the pipeline before November 1, 2010.**

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

7 **WHEREAS** natural gas production in the Cook Inlet region of the state has suffered
8 significant decline, resulting in the closure of the Agrium U.S., Inc., facility in Kenai and the
9 risk of inadequate supplies of natural gas to consumers that rely on production from the Cook
10 Inlet region; and

11 **WHEREAS** there are significant quantities of natural gas on the North Slope that
12 could be produced if the means for delivering the product to market were available; and

13 **WHEREAS** the major gas pipeline project licensed by the state under AS 43.90
14 (Alaska Gasline Inducement Act) or a similar alternative project that offers five delivery
15 natural gas delivery points in the state is not expected to transport natural gas from the North

1 Slope until after 2016; and

2 **WHEREAS** the people of the state need access to natural gas now and cannot wait for
3 the completion of the major gas pipeline project from the North Slope; and

4 **WHEREAS** the demand for natural gas within the state is expected to increase
5 steadily; and

6 **WHEREAS** the construction of a smaller gas pipeline, sometimes referred to as a
7 "bullet line," may be constructed and be capable of delivering the state's natural gas to in-state
8 markets before the major gas pipeline project from the North Slope is operational; and

9 **WHEREAS** all reasonable action necessary should be taken to construct an in-state
10 natural gas bullet pipeline sooner rather than later;

11 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests the governor to
12 provide energy security for all Alaskans by working on significant elements and components
13 to support the timely construction of a natural gas bullet pipeline from the North Slope to the
14 Cook Inlet region and to take necessary and appropriate action, after thoughtful consideration,
15 to assist and facilitate the process for a private entity to make a final investment decision to
16 commit to the pipeline before November 1, 2010; and be it

17 **FUTHER RESOLVED** that the action must honor the state's obligations under the
18 current Alaska Gasline Inducement Act license, and provide as feasible for gas delivery and
19 use, off the road system.