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BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION

1 **Creating and relating to the Economic Development Planning Commission.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** the state has a significant need for economic development; and

4 **WHEREAS** it would be beneficial to the state and its citizens to develop visions and
5 strategies to encourage economic development; and

6 **WHEREAS** Wyoming, North Dakota, Indiana, and Oregon, among other states, have
7 taken steps to integrate private sector leadership into economic development efforts
8 administered by their state governments; and

9 **WHEREAS** multiple economic development strategic planning initiatives are
10 underway in Alaska, including the Alaska Partnership for Economic Development's Alaska
11 Forward Initiative and the Governor's Legacy Initiative;

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature establishes in the legislative
13 branch the Economic Development Planning Commission to develop and recommend to the
14 Governor and to the legislature visions and strategies that will encourage economic
15 development in the state; and be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the legislature shall provide adequate staffing for the

1 commission; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the commission shall consist of the following
3 members:

4 (1) one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of
5 the House of Representatives;

6 (2) one public member appointed by the House Minority Leader who is
7 working in the private sector and who possesses business expertise and demonstrated
8 leadership skills;

9 (3) one member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;

10 (4) one public member appointed by the Senate Minority Leader who is
11 working in the private sector, and who possesses business expertise and demonstrated
12 leadership skills;

13 (5) two public members with private sector business expertise and
14 demonstrated leadership skills, appointed by the chair or jointly by the co-chairs of the House
15 Finance Committee;

16 (6) two public members with private sector business expertise and
17 demonstrated leadership skills, appointed by the chair or jointly by the co-chairs of the Senate
18 Finance Committee;

19 (7) the commissioner of commerce, community, and economic development,
20 ex officio, or the commissioner's designee;

21 (8) the commissioner of labor and workforce development, ex officio, or the
22 commissioner's designee;

23 (9) the president of the Alaska Partnership for Economic Development, or the
24 president's designee; and be it

25 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that appointed public members of the commission serve
26 without compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized for boards
27 and commissions under AS 39.20.180; and be it

28 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that a vacancy in the commission shall be promptly filled
29 in accordance with the requirements applicable to the original commission member who left
30 the office; and be it

31 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the commission shall

1 (1) review recommendations produced by various economic development
2 planning processes, including the Alaska Forward Initiative, the Governor's Legacy Initiative,
3 and others, advise the legislature on its potential role in implementing the vision or the plans
4 or both, and provide draft legislation to accomplish the recommendations;

5 (2) consider and make recommendations regarding methods, programs, and
6 financing that may be used by the state to foster economic development;

7 (3) prepare proposed legislation to carry out recommendations of the
8 commission that the commission determines may need to be implemented by law;

9 (4) present its recommendations and proposed legislation to the Alaska
10 Legislative Council, the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, the House Labor and
11 Commerce Committee, and the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee not later than
12 January 30, 2011; and be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the commission may, after considering the
14 recommendations in the Alaska Forward Initiative, the Legacy Initiative, and other economic
15 development strategies, prepare legislation to restructure economic development activities of
16 state government so that those functions are moved from existing state agencies to a

17 (1) newly created public corporation or a newly created department; or

18 (2) division within the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic
19 Development; and be it

20 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the commission may, not later than December 15,
21 2011, present a supplemental report, which may include additional recommendations and
22 proposed legislation; and be it

23 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the commission is authorized to begin work
24 immediately on the appointment of the members who are appointees or on April 30, 2010,
25 whichever date is earlier, and is terminated on June 30, 2012.