

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES KELLY, Johnson**

**Introduced: 2/6/09**

**Referred: Labor and Commerce**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to federal and federally funded construction contracts.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** Alaskans have the right to expect that their government will not only be a  
4 good steward of taxpayer money but will also promote the economical, nondiscriminatory,  
5 and efficient completion of construction projects; and

6 **WHEREAS** the promotion of competition and equal access to federal government  
7 construction contracts will reduce construction costs to the state and to taxpayers and expand  
8 job opportunities, especially for small and disadvantaged businesses; and

9 **WHEREAS** construction work should be awarded to and performed by persons who  
10 are selected on the basis of merit through open competition, without favoritism to special  
11 interest groups; and

12 **WHEREAS** project labor agreements do not ensure that projects are completed on  
13 time and on budget and are not necessary for large, complex construction jobs; and

14 **WHEREAS** project labor agreements reduce employment opportunities for Alaskans  
15 in the construction industry; and

16 **WHEREAS** Executive Order 13202 was signed by former President George W. Bush

1 in 2001 to establish government neutrality toward federal government contractors' labor  
2 relations on federal and federally funded construction projects; and

3 **WHEREAS** Executive Order 13202 is careful to state that it does not prohibit  
4 contractors from voluntarily entering into agreements with labor organizations on  
5 construction projects;

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges the President  
7 of the United States to preserve Executive Order 13202 to ensure free and open competition  
8 for federal and federally funded construction contracts; and be it

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges the  
10 President of the United States and the United States Congress not to

11 (1) require bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors to enter into or  
12 adhere to, or prohibit them from entering into or adhering to, agreements with labor  
13 organizations on federal or federally funded construction projects; or

14 (2) discriminate against bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors for  
15 becoming, refusing to become, or remaining signatories of, or otherwise adhering to,  
16 agreements with labor organizations on federal or federally funded construction projects.

17 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of  
18 the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and  
19 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate;  
20 the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy  
21 Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable John Boehner, Minority  
22 Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; Rahm Emanuel, White House Chief of Staff; the  
23 Honorable Peter R. Orszag, Director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget; and the  
24 Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the  
25 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.