

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/15/10

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

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 Alaska Legislative Council shall provide adequate

1 staffing for the 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 chair or
5 jointly by the co-chairs of the House Finance Committee;

6 (2) one member of the Senate appointed by the chair or jointly by the co-
7 chairs of the Senate Finance Committee;

8 (3) two public members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives who are not officers of the state or employed by officers of the state, who are
10 working in the private sector, and who possess business expertise and demonstrated
11 leadership skills;

12 (4) two public members appointed by the President of the Senate who are not
13 officers of the state or employed by officers of the state, who are working in the private
14 sector, and who possess business expertise and demonstrated leadership skills;

15 (5) one public member with private sector business expertise and
16 demonstrated leadership skills, appointed by the chair or jointly by the co-chairs of the House
17 Finance Committee;

18 (6) one public member with private sector business expertise and
19 demonstrated leadership skills, appointed by the chair or jointly by the co-chairs of the Senate
20 Finance Committee;

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

23 (8) the commissioner of labor and workforce development, ex officio, or the
24 commissioner'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 legislative
10 budget and audit committee not later than June 30, 2011; and be it

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

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

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

18 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the commission is authorized to begin work
19 immediately on the appointment of the members who are appointees or on March 15, 2010,
20 whichever date is earlier, and is terminated on June 30, 2011.