

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
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A RESOLUTION

1 **Creating the Task Force on the Fiscal Future of Alaska as a joint legislative task force**
2 **and relating to the task force.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** Alaska is rich in natural and human resources; and

5 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature is responsible for appropriating money to
6 support state programs, services, and capital projects; and

7 **WHEREAS** Alaskans benefit from per capita state government spending in the state
8 that is at least twice as high as the average per capita state government spending in other
9 states; and

10 **WHEREAS** approximately 90 percent of the state's revenue comes from sources
11 related to the extraction of nonrenewable petroleum resources from state-owned land; and

12 **WHEREAS** the total amount of potential state revenue from nonrenewable petroleum
13 resources in the state is finite; and

14 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature recognizes that Alaskans have a need, now
15 and in the future, for a government infrastructure and government programs and services; and

16 **WHEREAS** the House Fiscal Policy Subcommittee was established during the

1 Twenty-Sixth Alaska State Legislature as a subcommittee of the House Finance Committee;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS** a working group made up of private citizens met with the House Fiscal
4 Policy Subcommittee in 2010 following the Second Regular Session of the Twenty-Sixth
5 Alaska State Legislature and recommended that the house, the senate, and the governor seek
6 to align their respective plans regarding the fiscal future of the state; and

7 **WHEREAS** the citizens' working group also recommended that the legislature and
8 the governor engage publicly in a dialogue regarding how best to establish budgetary and
9 fiscal priorities for the state; and

10 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature relies on the people of the state to inform
11 legislative policies and decisions; and

12 **WHEREAS** the house of representatives has established the House Special
13 Committee on Fiscal Policy to examine the state's current and future fiscal situation and make
14 recommendations to ensure a sound fiscal future;

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature creates the Task Force on the
16 Fiscal Future of Alaska as a joint legislative task force consisting of 14 members to be
17 appointed as follows:

- 18 (1) two senators appointed by the president of the senate;
- 19 (2) two representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of
20 representatives;
- 21 (3) the commissioner of revenue or the commissioner's designee;
- 22 (4) the director of the office of management and budget in the Department of
23 Administration or the director's designee;
- 24 (5) the director of the Institute of Social and Economic Research at the
25 University of Alaska or the director's designee;
- 26 (6) one person representing Commonwealth North;
- 27 (7) the commissioner of transportation and public facilities or the
28 commissioner's designee;
- 29 (8) one person who works in the banking profession in the state, appointed
30 jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives;
- 31 (9) one person who works in a resource development profession in the state,

1 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
2 representatives;

3 (10) one person who works in the marketing profession in the state, appointed
4 jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives;

5 (11) one person who is a professional in the area of economic development,
6 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
7 representatives; and

8 (12) one person who is a member of the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce,
9 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
10 representatives; and be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the duties of the task force include

12 (1) to recommend to the legislature means through which the legislature may
13 foster ongoing dialogue, within the legislature and between the legislature and the public,
14 regarding state fiscal policy;

15 (2) to help create opportunities for public dialogue regarding the state's fiscal
16 future;

17 (3) to submit draft legislation and other material to the House Special
18 Committee on Fiscal Policy and make policy recommendations to that committee; and

19 (4) to prepare and make available to the public and the legislature
20 informational materials for use in public dialogue about the state's fiscal future; and be it

21 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force may meet during or between legislative
22 sessions; and be it

23 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, within the five days preceding January 21, 2012,
24 January 21, 2013, and December 6, 2013, the task force shall provide a written report to the
25 legislature on the activities of the task force; and be it

26 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall terminate on December 31, 2013.