

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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Referred: Resources

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the governor to take all action necessary to keep in-state oil refiners in operation**
2 **and to keep oil refining operations in the state competitive.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the refining industry, including the Flint Hills Refinery and the Petro Star
5 North Pole refinery, contributes approximately \$140,000,000 to the gross regional product of
6 the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

7 **WHEREAS**, although much less pronounced today than in 2010, the role of the Flint
8 Hills and Petro Star refineries in mitigating the effects of low oil flow and extending the
9 productive life of the Trans Alaska Pipeline is important to the state's economy; and

10 **WHEREAS** the absence of an in-state refining capacity would, directly and indirectly,
11 affect the labor market in the state; and

12 **WHEREAS** the sale and closure of the Flint Hills Refinery could impose substantial
13 costs on government resources and would increase reliance on state and federal funding; and

14 **WHEREAS** the Department of Natural Resources should expeditiously negotiate a
15 royalty-in-kind contract to help the in-state refineries in the Fairbanks North Star Borough
16 compete with imported products; and

1 **WHEREAS**, if the Department of Environmental Conservation expeditiously set a
2 reasonable cleanup standard supported by science for the Flint Hills Refinery and
3 appropriately allocated the costs of cleanup to all potentially responsible parties, it is possible
4 that a new buyer for the refinery could be found;

5 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Governor to take all
6 action necessary to keep in-state oil refiners in operation and to keep refining operations in the
7 state competitive.