

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/4/13

Referred: Rules

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS DYSON, Kelly, Giessel, Bishop, Stedman, Fairclough, Meyer, Micciche, Stevens,
Dunleavy, Huggins**

REPRESENTATIVES Saddler, Keller

A RESOLUTION

1 **Commending and supporting actions taken by the Office of the Governor, the attorney**
2 **general, and the commissioner of natural resources to protect the state from federal**
3 **government incursion into the care and management of state resources and to promote**
4 **the economic prosperity of the state; and urging the United States Congress and the**
5 **President of the United States to limit federal government overreach into management**
6 **of state resources.**

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

8 **WHEREAS** the federal government is attempting some regulatory actions that are
9 adverse and contrary to the interests of the state and its citizens; and

10 **WHEREAS** the Office of the Governor, the attorney general, and the commissioner
11 of natural resources, with strong support by the Alaska State Legislature, have challenged the
12 federal government in court for its misuse of the Endangered Species Act in its expansive
13 designation of critical habitat for polar bears, for restricting access to Alaska rivers, for
14 denying use of rights-of-way that are essential to access land in the state, and for taking

1 adverse actions against our timber interests, mining interests, and interests in development of
2 federal onshore and outer continental shelf oil and gas resources; and

3 **WHEREAS**, under art. VIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the policy of
4 the state is to encourage the development of its resources by making them available for
5 maximum use consistent with the public interest; and

6 **WHEREAS** actions taken by the state's executive and the Alaska State Legislature
7 seek to protect the state's rights and local self governance of the people of the state and
8 promote a future of economic security and prosperity;

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature commends and supports the
10 actions of the Office of the Governor, the attorney general, and the commissioner of natural
11 resources to protect the state from federal government interference with the state's right to be
12 the steward of and manage the state's natural resources and to promote the economic
13 prosperity of the state; and be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States
15 Congress and the President of the United States to honor the state's equal footing with the
16 other states and recede from overextending federal authority into management of state
17 resources.

18 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of
19 the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and
20 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of
21 Representatives; the Honorable Ron Wyden, Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources
22 Committee of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Fred Upton, Chair of the Energy and Commerce
23 Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Doc Hastings, Chair of the
24 Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives; and the Honorable Lisa
25 Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
26 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.