

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11 am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the Washington House of Representatives and the Governor of the State of**
2 **Washington to reject Senate Bill 5974, imposing a tax of \$.06 per gallon on gasoline and**
3 **diesel fuel.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

5 **WHEREAS** this state and the State of Washington enjoy a cooperative,
6 interconnected, and mutually beneficial relationship; and

7 **WHEREAS** maintaining that strong relationship is in the best interests of the
8 residents of both states; and

9 **WHEREAS** Senate Bill 5974, under consideration by the Washington State
10 Legislature, would impose a tax of \$.06 per gallon on gasoline and diesel fuel exported to the
11 state from Washington; and

12 **WHEREAS** this state provides oil necessary for Washington fuel refineries; and

13 **WHEREAS** the proposed tax violates the intent, if not the letter, of the Commerce
14 Clause in art. I, sec. 8, Constitution of the United States; and

15 **WHEREAS** no state should initiate a trade war against its neighbor state; and

1 **WHEREAS** the proposed tax would place a substantial and undue burden on residents
2 of this state for the purpose of funding projects and offsetting business costs in the State of
3 Washington; and

4 **WHEREAS** residents of this state should not be subject to taxation without
5 representation; and

6 **WHEREAS** fishermen, fish processors, shippers, business owners, commuters,
7 municipalities, villages, and residents of this state have demanded that the Alaska House of
8 Representatives take immediate steps to stop this unjustified tax and, if necessary, pursue the
9 passage of reciprocal legislation; and

10 **WHEREAS** the fisheries, shipping, and other related commerce in this state provide
11 tremendous benefits to Washington's economy and residents, as well as the Port of Tacoma,
12 the Port of Seattle, other ports in Puget Sound, and surrounding businesses;

13 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska House of Representatives finds the proposed fuel
14 export tax on this state to be in direct conflict with the intent of the United States Constitution;
15 and be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska House of Representatives implores the
17 Washington State Legislature to strike the tax proposed in Senate Bill 5974 without further
18 delay; and be it

19 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska House of Representatives urges
20 Washington Governor Jay Inslee to publicly denounce this proposed tax and commit to
21 vetoing the legislation if it reaches the governor's desk with that provision intact; and be it

22 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska House of Representatives will take
23 whatever actions are necessary to block this unprovoked and reckless action against residents
24 of our state, who should never be subject to unfair trade practices or taxation without
25 representation.