

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/16/25

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES ELAM, Burke, Dibert, Saddler, Holland

A RESOLUTION

1 **Requesting that the United States Congress appropriate authorized federal workforce**
2 **development funds to train state residents for the development, construction, and**
3 **operation of the Alaska liquefied natural gas project; and encouraging the hiring of**
4 **residents and the use of state-based small businesses in the development, construction,**
5 **and operation of the Alaska liquefied natural gas project.**

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

7 **WHEREAS** the Alaska liquefied natural gas project is vital to the energy security,
8 economic growth, and strategic interests of the United States and the state; and

9 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act, established in 15 U.S.C. 720 -
10 720n, authorized \$20,000,000 to recruit and train adult and dislocated workers, including
11 Alaska Natives and other state residents from rural parts of the state, for the construction and
12 operation of the Alaska natural gas transportation system; and

13 **WHEREAS** Section 720j of the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act encourages small
14 business participation in project contracts; the goal is further supported by the state's
15 framework established in ch. 14, SLA 2014, which expanded the Alaska Gasline

1 Development Corporation's mission and offers tax credits under AS 43.55.019(a) to promote
2 private investment in workforce training and education; and

3 **WHEREAS** existing training centers across the state have the infrastructure needed to
4 deliver skilled craft training now, but, without federal support, lack sufficient funding to
5 launch large-scale training programs; and

6 **WHEREAS** timely investment in training is critical to ensure that state residents are
7 equipped to fill high-skill jobs, keeping wages, skills, and long-term economic benefits in the
8 state, rather than relying on an outside workforce that would leave the state after project
9 completion;

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges the United
11 States Congress to immediately appropriate the \$20,000,000 authorized under the Alaska
12 Natural Gas Pipeline Act to support workforce development through in-state training centers;
13 and be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages all sponsors
15 and contractors of the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas Project to prioritize hiring trained state
16 residents and contracting with state-based small businesses to maximize the long-term
17 economic benefit to the state.

18 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President
19 of the United States; the Honorable JD Vance, Vice President of the United States and
20 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of the U.S. House of
21 Representatives; the Honorable Lori Chavez-DeRemer, United States Secretary of Labor; the
22 Honorable Chris Wright, United States Secretary of Energy; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski
23 and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nicholas Begich, U.S.
24 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and the Honorable Mike
25 Dunleavy, Governor of Alaska.