

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42(TRA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/20/26

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE G.NELSON

A RESOLUTION

1 **Supporting the Northern Continental Corridor concept; and urging the United States**
2 **Department of Defense to fund further analysis for the Northern Continental Corridor.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the state occupies a critical role in the national defense of the United
5 States, hosting strategic radar systems, missile defense assets, and Arctic infrastructure
6 essential to the security of the continental United States; and

7 **WHEREAS** the capacity and range of surface logistics is a foundation for defense
8 readiness, economic resilience, industrial development, and community affordability across
9 the state; and

10 **WHEREAS** the Northern Continental Corridor concept has national defense value
11 through improved redundancy, bulk movement capability, and year-round surface access,
12 supporting Department of Defense installations, Arctic infrastructure development, and long-
13 term sustainment requirements; and

14 **WHEREAS** the Northern Continental Corridor concept is based exclusively on
15 publicly available data, historical feasibility studies, government filings, and established
16 transportation and economic modeling benchmarks, with calculations derived from

1 recognized and verifiable sources; and

2 **WHEREAS** the Northern Continental Corridor concept is in an early planning stage,
3 intended to establish an analytical baseline and identify areas requiring further technical,
4 institutional, and defense-specific evaluation; and

5 **WHEREAS** the Northern Continental Corridor concept demonstrates that, based on
6 publicly available data and calculable tables, the proposed corridor is technically possible,
7 financially credible under base case assumptions, and aligned with long-term United States
8 defense, industrial, and Arctic policy objectives; and

9 **WHEREAS** modeled capital investment associated with the Northern Continental
10 Corridor concept is estimated in the range of approximately \$22,000,000,000 to
11 \$43,000,000,000, projecting to add approximately 330,000 to 510,000 jobs nationwide,
12 including tens of thousands of direct construction jobs and sustained, long-term operational
13 employment; and

14 **WHEREAS** the Northern Continental Corridor concept may offer meaningful
15 affordability benefits for residents of the state through improved reliability, scale, and
16 resilience of surface logistics, lowering costs for construction materials, fuel, industrial inputs,
17 and essential goods, and increasing food security without displacing existing transportation
18 modes; and

19 **WHEREAS** the Northern Continental Corridor concept is structured to complement,
20 not replace, the state's existing trucking and marine shipping industries by expanding total
21 freight volume, improving intermodal connectivity, strengthening backhaul efficiency, and
22 increasing overall surface logistics for rail, truck, and maritime sectors; and

23 **WHEREAS** trucking and marine operators are essential partners in first mile, last
24 mile, port, terminal, and regional distribution activities, with the development of the Northern
25 Continental Corridor projected to generate additional freight flows, equipment demand, and
26 employment opportunities within those industries; and

27 **WHEREAS** expansion of the current Northern Continental Corridor planning through
28 Department of Defense funding would provide for refined defense logistics modeling,
29 engineering validation, institutional coordination analysis, and interagency alignment,
30 expanding on publicly available data;

31 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States

1 Department of Defense to fund further analysis and evaluation of the Northern Continental
2 Corridor concept, including defense-specific logistics requirements, refined engineering
3 validation, and institutional coordination necessary for the federal government to make
4 informed decisions about the Northern Continental Corridor.

5 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President
6 of the United States; the Honorable JD Vance, Vice President of the United States and
7 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Pete Hegseth, United States Secretary of Defense;
8 the Honorable Michael P. Duffey, United States Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition
9 and Sustainment; the Honorable General Gregory M. Guillot, Commander, United States
10 Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command; and the Honorable
11 Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nicholas
12 Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.