

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Establishing a Senate Special Committee on Arctic Affairs.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

3 **WHEREAS** the Arctic is critical to the state for economic, strategic, and
4 environmental reasons; and

5 **WHEREAS** there are converging global interests in the Arctic, focusing on, among
6 other interests, minerals, fish stocks, oil and gas reserves, military dominance, rare earth
7 minerals, and shipping routes; and

8 **WHEREAS** approximately 18 percent of the state's population is made up of
9 Indigenous peoples, many of whom rely on subsistence hunting and fishing and could be
10 significantly affected by shifting and increasing activity in the Arctic; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in supporting the vital interests of the United States in the Arctic, the
12 legislature should take an active role in exploring opportunities to highlight the state's
13 strategic importance and identify advancements necessary to maintain the state's critical
14 global position;

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate that a Senate Special Committee on Arctic Affairs
16 is established to study issues relating to the Arctic; and be it

1 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the Senate shall appoint five senators
2 to be members of the Senate Special Committee on Arctic Affairs and designate two members
3 to serve as co-chairs; and be it

4 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate Special Committee on Arctic Affairs may
5 meet during and between sessions of the Thirty-Fourth Alaska State Legislature and is
6 terminated on the convening of the First Regular Session of the Thirty-Fifth Alaska State
7 Legislature.