

**STATE OF ALASKA
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Resolve No.**
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Establishing a Senate Special Committee on Arctic Affairs.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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