

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. CASHEL

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to federal tax relief for  
6 residents of Alaska.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN SECOND  
8 LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED:

9 WHEREAS, the cost of food, clothing and other necessities of  
10 life are recognized as being considerably higher in Alaska than in  
11 any other state; and

12 WHEREAS, these living costs have been established by compe-  
13 tent authority as ranging from 25% to nearly 60% higher than in  
14 our nearest sister state of Washington; and

15 WHEREAS, of necessity these higher costs require Alaskans to  
16 receive higher wages which in turn place them in a higher and un-  
17 realistic bracket for federal income tax purposes; and

18 WHEREAS, the United States government has taken partial  
19 recognition of this differential and granted a 25% tax exempt  
20 cost-of-living allowance to certain federal employees in Alaska;  
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22 WHEREAS, this action of the federal government on behalf of  
23 its own employees has been accepted as proper and correct; and

24 WHEREAS, this action by the federal government on behalf of  
25 its own employees has provided relief to only a portion of the  
26 population of Alaska; and

27 WHEREAS, the entire population of Alaska needs and is  
28 deserving of like assistance in the form of tax relief in order  
29 to maintain and improve the standard of living in the state;

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in  
2 Second Legislature, First Session assembled that the President and  
3 Congress of the United States are respectfully urged to endorse  
4 and approve the necessary executive and legislative action to  
5 amend the Internal Revenue Code to permit all Alaskan taxpayers  
6 to deduct from their taxable income an amount equal to 25% of  
7 their adjusted gross income in arriving at their total net taxable  
8 income; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed  
10 to the President of the United States, the Commissioner of Inter-  
11 nal Revenue, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
12 President of the Senate of the United States, and the members of  
13 the Alaska delegation in Congress.  
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