

Introduced: 2/28/67  
Referred: Resources

1 IN THE SENATE

BY BEGICH, BLODGETT, BRADSHAW,  
CHRISTIANSEN, POLAND, ZIEGLER  
AND HAMMOND

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the economic development  
6 of the western and northern regions  
7 of Alaska.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS the successful economic development of the natural resources  
10 of western and northern regions of Alaska is recognized as being an essential  
11 to the economic development of Alaska; and

12 WHEREAS the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska  
13 in their studies and recommendations places great emphasis on resource  
14 development in the western and northern regions of Alaska; and

15 WHEREAS the state and federal agencies charged with the responsibilities  
16 for the educational training and health of the Native people of Alaska view  
17 economic development as a great need throughout the state; and

18 WHEREAS the hugh investment already has been made by government and  
19 private industry in support of western and northern exploratory and leasing  
20 activities; and

21 WHEREAS historically Alaskans have demonostrated tremendous energy and  
22 capability in the fields of mineral prospecting and mineral extraction;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Alaska by legislative action and with  
24 full administrative support establish a development policy for the western  
25 and northern regions of Alaska that is based on a concept of constant im-  
26 provement and expansion of all modes of transportation with particular  
27 emphasis on early development of access roads of sufficient quality to  
28 permit easy and inexpensive access by the public to the known mineralized  
29 areas of this region for the purpose of exploration, prospecting and movement

1 of supplies and raw materials; and be it

2       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the legislature provide for the creation of a  
3 commission charged with the responsibility to conduct a comprehensive inquiry  
4 into the needs of western and northern Alaska and to report to the legisla-  
5 ture and to the governor in an advisory capacity during the period required  
6 to implement and promote the development policy of the state with respect  
7 to the western and northern regions of Alaska; and be it

8       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 1967 Legislature, First Session, provide the  
9 ways and means to implement this policy at the earliest possible date.

10       **COPIES** of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Stewart L.  
11 Udall, Secretary of the Interior; Honorable Allen Boyd, Secretary of  
12 Transportation; and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable  
13 Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S.  
14 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation to Congress.