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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 108 *AM*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the Alaska Industrial

6 Development Authority.

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

8 WHEREAS the Alaska Industrial Development Authority was created by the
9 legislature in 1967 for the purpose of promoting, developing and advancing
10 the general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Alaska, reliev-
11 ing problems of unemployment and creating additional employment by providing
12 a means of financing industrial and manufacturing plant construction, con-
13 version or expansion in the state, including the acquisition of real pro-
14 perty, for lease or sale to business enterprises for industrial or manufac-
15 turing purposes; and

16 WHEREAS the Alaska Industrial Development Authority Act was amended by
17 ch. 64, SLA 1977 to include air and water transportation facilities among
18 those projects for which the authority may exercise its powers to incur debt
19 for acquiring or constructing industrial and manufacturing plants and thus
20 provide financial assistance for the establishment, operation and development
21 of these plants on a basis offsetting in whole or in part the construction,
22 marketing or other costs involved in the project; and

23 WHEREAS there is pending before the Alaska Industrial Development
24 Authority an application by Wien Air Alaska, Inc. for assistance in issuing a
25 bond issue for the cost of air transportation facilities; and

26 WHEREAS the Alaska Industrial Development Authority Act authorizes the
27 authority to incur debt only for the acquisition, construction, conversion or
28 expansion of industrial and manufacturing plants; and

29 WHEREAS it appears that Wien Air Alaska, Inc. intends to use the

1 proceeds from the proposed bond issue for purposes other than those authorized
2 by statute, namely as reimbursement for costs of facilities constructed
3 before the enactment of ch. 64, SLA 1977; and

4 WHEREAS the legislature finds such action contrary to the purposes and
5 intent of AS 44.61; and

6 WHEREAS Wien Air Alaska, Inc. is presently involved in a labor dispute
7 with certain of its employees; and

8 WHEREAS the state has, both by statute (AS 23.20.380(9)) and regulation
9 adopted under that statute, adopted a position of neutrality in cases invol-
10 ving labor disputes; and

11 WHEREAS, in light of the position of neutrality announced in AS 23.20.-
12 380(9) and the regulations adopted under it, the legislature finds that it
13 would be improper to determine that the proposed Wien Air Alaska, Inc. pro-
14 jects and their development under the Alaska Industrial Development Authority
15 Act would be economically advantageous to the general public welfare;

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Legislative
17 Audit Division is directed to undertake a performance audit of the Alaska
18 Industrial Development Authority; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor is respectfully requested to direct
20 the Alaska Industrial Development Authority through its chairman, the commis-
21 sioner of commerce and economic development, not to endorse, assist, or
22 otherwise cooperate in facilitating the issuance of the particular Wien Air
23 Alaska, Inc. bonding proposal referred to in this resolution until the labor
24 dispute between Wien and its employees is settled, and until those projects
25 not authorized by statute have been eliminated from the proposal.