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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16 ^{Am}

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of the
6 House Research Agency.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

8 WHEREAS many of the public policy issues and options confronting Alaska
9 are of great complexity; and

10 WHEREAS decisions on them should be predicated on solid research and
11 analysis; and

12 WHEREAS the Alaska State House of Representatives requires objective
13 research to support the body in its decision making; and

14 WHEREAS research services should be available on a nonpartisan basis to
15 all members of the Alaska State Legislature; and

16 WHEREAS legislative research needs arise year-round and are not limited
17 to those months when the body is in session; and

18 WHEREAS, to assure nonpartisan research, research policies for the House
19 of Representatives should be set by a bipartisan group; and

20 WHEREAS, to insure objective research on a nonpartisan basis, employees
21 performing research should be of permanent status and not subject to removal
22 for political reasons; and

23 WHEREAS permanent employees of the Legislative Affairs Agency and the
24 Legislative Finance and Audit Divisions have provided valuable legal and
25 fiscal research for Alaska legislators;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives establishes a permanent
27 research staff with a research director, to be known as the House Research
28 Agency; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that a permanent committee, composed of the speaker and

1 the minority leader of the House of Representatives and the ranking House of
2 Representatives member of the Legislative Council, is established to set
3 policies for this agency.

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