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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a joint committee of the legisla-  
7 ture to meet with executive branch officials to review  
8 and report on the effect of proposed federal budget  
9 reductions on programs that benefit the people of the  
10 state; and providing for an effective date."

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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\* Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (a) The legislature finds that

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(1) proposed reductions in federal appropriations have the

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potential to sharply reduce financial support for programs and services  
15 provided to residents throughout the state;

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(2) by October 1, 1981 (the beginning of the federal fiscal

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year), the legislature, the governor, and the affected state agencies should  
18 know with certainty the effect of the reductions so that, if necessary,  
19 remedial action may be promptly taken by the Twelfth Legislature during its  
20 Second Session; and

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(3) the proposed federal budget reductions affect a range of

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programs and services, including housing, health care, education and employ-  
23 ment, and those reductions affect a number of budget program categories and  
24 agencies of the state government.

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(b) It is the purpose of this Act to provide the means by which the

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legislature and the executive branch may undertake a comprehensive review of  
27 the effect of federal program support and federal reductions of appropria-  
28 tions for programs and services, and recommend appropriate action to the  
29 Second Session of the Twelfth Legislature for its consideration.

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1 \* Sec. 2. JOINT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED. (a) The Joint Federal Program  
2 Review Committee is established as a temporary interim committee of the  
3 legislature.

4 (b) The committee is composed of the following members:

5 (1) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the  
6 speaker of the house of representatives; the two members appointed under  
7 this subsection shall not be members of the same political party;

8 (2) two members of the senate appointed by the president of the  
9 senate; the two members appointed under this subsection shall not be members  
10 of the same political party;

11 (3) the chairman of the Legislative Council, or a member of the  
12 Legislative Council appointed by the chairman; and

13 (4) the chairman of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee,  
14 or a member of that committee appointed by the chairman.

15 (c) If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the committee, the person  
16 authorized to make an appointment under (b) of this section shall fill the  
17 vacancy by appointment.

18 (d) The committee may meet during sessions of the legislature and  
19 during the interim between legislative sessions. The committee may meet at  
20 any time and in any place in the state. A member of the committee may  
21 receive, for the minimum time required to travel to and return from a meet-  
22 ing of the committee and for the time while attending a meeting, the same  
23 travel and per diem allowances provided by law for members of the legisla-  
24 ture while attending sessions of the legislature. However, a member of the  
25 committee may not receive a per diem allowance for attending a meeting which  
26 is held at the state capital while the legislature is in session other than  
27 the per diem allowance paid to legislators under AS 24.15.010.

28 \* Sec. 3. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE. (a) The members of the  
29 Joint Federal Program Review Committee shall meet regularly with the follow-

1 ing state officials for the purposes set out in (b) of this section:

2 (1) the persons designated by the governor to serve as his budget  
3 review committee; and

4 (2) the chairman of the Rural Development Council (AS 44.47.160).

5 (b) The Joint Federal Program Review Committee and the state officials  
6 designated in (a) of this section shall

7 (1) organize and adopt procedures for the conduct of business;

8 (2) review programs and services which are affected by reductions  
9 in federal appropriations;

10 (3) identify and assess the impact of proposed reductions in  
11 federal appropriations for programs and services of benefit to the people of  
12 the state;

13 (4) review the adequacy of state agencies to plan for, receive,  
14 and administer federal "block grants" or other federal appropriations or  
15 allocations which may be substituted for deleted or reduced federal program  
16 appropriations; and

17 (5) recommend to the Second Session of the Twelfth Legislature by  
18 February 10, 1982, specific revisions in state programs, and in appropria-  
19 tions for those programs, to reduce or minimize the disruptive effect of  
20 lower federal appropriations occurring after January 20, 1981; when the  
21 committee and state officials recommend revisions in and appropriations for  
22 state programs under this paragraph, the committee shall identify the federal  
23 programs and appropriations which its recommendations are intended to supple-  
24 ment, enhance, support, or replace.

25 (c) The Joint Federal Program Review Committee, meeting jointly with  
26 the officials designated in sec. 3(a) of this Act, may

27 (1) hold public hearings;

28 (2) require state officials and members of governing boards of  
29 municipalities and the school boards of regional educational attendance

1 areas to cooperate with the committee in furnishing requested information;  
2 (3) request and receive recommendations for specific program  
3 revisions from nonprofit corporations and other organizations which provide  
4 services; and

5 (4) review the governor's allocation of grants for programs from  
6 any temporary contingency grant program established to provide state assist-  
7 ance for reductions of federal appropriations and make recommendations on  
8 those allocations.

9 \* Sec. 4. This Act terminates June 30, 1982.

10 \* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-  
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