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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to small business development

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in the state.

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

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WHEREAS it is the declared policy of the state that government should

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aid, counsel, assist, and protect, in so far as is possible, the interests

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of small-business concerns in order to preserve free competitive enter-

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prise; and

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WHEREAS it is the declared policy of the state to ensure that a fair

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proportion of the total purchases and contracts or subcontracts for prop-

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erty and services for the state be placed with small-business enterprises

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and to ensure that a fair proportion of the total sales of state property

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be made to small-business enterprises; and

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WHEREAS it is the declared policy of the United States and the state

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that it should aid and assist victims of floods and other catastrophes; and

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WHEREAS it is the declared policy of the United States to aid and

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assist small-business concerns that are displaced as a result of government

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funded construction programs and it is in the best interest of the state to

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provide similar assistance for displaced small-business concerns; and

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WHEREAS the state is currently engaged in massive state funded public

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works projects of unprecedented proportions; and

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WHEREAS the scope and size of state funded construction projects are

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beyond the capacity of most small Alaska-owned business to successfully bid

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on; and

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WHEREAS small Alaska-owned businesses face significant obstacles to

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obtaining adequate credit, bonding, and loans; and

1 WHEREAS the state is currently facing record unemployment and many
2 small Alaska-owned businesses are dissolving into bankruptcy, particularly
3 those businesses owned and operated by women, minorities, and other economi-
4 cally disadvantaged groups; and

5 WHEREAS declining oil revenues make it imperative that the state
6 develop a wide-spread economic base to lessen our dependence on a single
7 revenue source; and

8 WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the state to maintain and
9 strengthen the over-all economy of the state and to mobilize its full
10 productive capacity; and

11 WHEREAS small business development is the best source of new employ-
12 ment, industry, and entrepreneurship; and

13 WHEREAS small Alaska-owned businesses are traditionally controlled by
14 long-term residents with a strong financial, cultural, and social commit-
15 ment to the state; and

16 WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the state to assure that a
17 reasonable portion of state funded construction projects be performed by
18 small, Alaska-owned businesses, in order that the state and its residents
19 primarily benefit from business generated by state funded construction
20 projects; and

21 WHEREAS the essence of the American economic system of private enter-
22 prise is free competition and only through full and free competition can
23 free markets, free entry into business, and opportunities for expression
24 and growth of personal initiative and individual judgment be assured; and

25 WHEREAS the preservation and expansion of this competition is basic to
26 the economic well-being and security of the state; and

27 WHEREAS the security and well-being cannot be realized unless the
28 actual and potential capacity of small business is encouraged and devel-
29 oped;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is
2 respectfully requested to direct state agencies involved in contracting and
3 subcontracting for government services to assure that

4 (1) the scope and size of state funded construction projects realis-
5 tically reflect the ability of local businesses to successfully bid con-
6 struction contracts;

7 (2) all work associated with state funded construction projects be
8 contracted out to be performed by the private sector as much as possible;
9 and

10 (3) a bidders preference adequate to assure a reasonable opportunity
11 to successfully compete for state funded construction contracts and subcon-
12 tracts is created for small Alaska-owned businesses, including those owned
13 by women, minorities, and other economically disadvantaged groups; and be
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15 FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor is respectfully requested to create
16 a task force to address state policy in contracting, local hire, and small
17 business advocacy and to make recommendations to assure that state policy
18 emphasizes and promotes small business development and maintenance in
19 Alaska, and to recommend methods to provide a source of credit and bonding
20 for small Alaska-based businesses and develop a definition of small Alaska-
21 based business to realistically reflect the average assets and capabilities
22 of existing contractors; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor is respectfully requested to direct
24 the attorney general to investigate and recommend measures available to the
25 state to assure that a reasonable portion of state funded construction
26 dollars be contracted through local, small Alaskan businesses.