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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to small business development  
6 in the state.

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

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

11 WHEREAS declining oil revenues make it imperative that the state  
12 develop a widespread economic base to decrease our dependence on a single  
13 revenue source; and

14 WHEREAS small business development is an excellent and proven source  
15 of new employment, industry, and entrepreneurship; and

16 WHEREAS many small Alaska-owned businesses are controlled by residents  
17 with a strong financial, cultural, and social commitment to the state; and

18 WHEREAS additional costs associated with labor, transportation,  
19 weather extremes, lack of infrastructure, high energy costs, and vast  
20 distances place a special burden on small, Alaska-owned businesses; and

21 WHEREAS this burden places small, Alaska-owned businesses at a disad-  
22 vantage when competing for construction and procurement contracts with  
23 larger, nonresident businesses; and

24 WHEREAS the state is currently facing record unemployment and many  
25 small Alaska-owned businesses are faced with bankruptcy, particularly those  
26 businesses owned and operated by women, minorities, and other economically  
27 disadvantaged groups; and

28 WHEREAS small Alaska-owned businesses face significant obstacles to  
29 obtaining adequate credit, bonding, and loans; and

1 WHEREAS the state is currently engaged in state-funded public works  
2 projects of unprecedented proportions; and

3 WHEREAS the scope and size of state-funded construction projects are  
4 beyond the capacity of most small, Alaska-owned businesses to successfully  
5 bid on; and

6 WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the state to assure that a  
7 reasonable portion of state-funded construction projects be performed by  
8 small, Alaska-owned businesses in order that the state and its residents  
9 benefit from business generated by state funded construction projects; and

10 WHEREAS it is the declared policy of the state that government should  
11 aid, counsel, assist, and protect, in so far as is possible, the interests  
12 of small-business concerns in order to preserve free competitive enter-  
13 prise; and

14 WHEREAS the security and well-being of the state cannot be realized  
15 unless the actual and potential capacity of small business is encouraged  
16 and developed;

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is  
18 respectfully requested to appoint a task force to assess state policy in  
19 contracting, local hire, and small business advocacy and to recommend  
20 measures that will:

21 (1) emphasize and promote small business development and mainte-  
22 nance in Alaska;

23 (2) assist in securing adequate sources of bonding, credit, and  
24 loans for small, Alaska-owned businesses;

25 (3) assure, wherever possible, that state-funded construction  
26 projects are specified, modified, and contracted in a manner to assure a  
27 reasonable proportion of state-funded construction projects are performed  
28 by small, Alaska-owned businesses; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor is respectfully requested to direct

1 the attorney general to investigate and recommend measures available to the  
2 state to assure that a reasonable portion of state-funded construction and  
3 procurement dollars be contracted through small Alaska-owned businesses,  
4 consistent with provisions of the constitutions of the United States and  
5 the state of Alaska.