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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR SS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND 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 pro-
10 ductive 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 many small Alaska-owned businesses are faced with bankruptcy,
25 particularly those businesses owned and operated by women, minorities, and
26 other economically disadvantaged groups; and

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

29 WHEREAS the state is currently engaged in state-funded public works

1 projects of unprecedented proportions; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor is respectfully requested to direct
29 the attorney general and the commissioner of transportation and public

1 facilities to investigate and recommend measures available to the state to
2 assure that a reasonable portion of state-funded construction and procure-
3 ment dollars be contracted through small Alaska-owned businesses, consis-
4 tent with provisions of the constitutions of the United States and the
5 State of Alaska.