

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Introduced: 3/20/91**

**Referred: State Affairs, Community & Regional Affairs, Finance**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Establishing a Task Force on Governmental Roles.**

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

**3 WHEREAS** the days of ample federal funding and state oil wealth are over; and

**4 WHEREAS** both the federal and state governments have reduced assistance to municipalities and  
**5 shifted responsibilities** to municipalities to avoid increasing taxes; and

**6 WHEREAS** an effort is needed to sort out responsibilities for providing governmental services  
**7 and for raising revenue** to pay for those services in the most efficient and effective manner; and

**8 WHEREAS** the idea of undertaking a review of the roles of federal, state, and municipal  
**9 government in providing services** is not new, but a system for providing the review has not been  
**10 instituted; and**

**11 WHEREAS** the legislature needs information on the relationship between the federal, state, and  
**12 municipal government** to ensure that residents of the state have the best services possible at a reasonable  
**13 cost;**

**14 BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Task Force on Governmental Roles  
**15 is established** with the following primary purposes:

**16 (1)** to define local, state, and federal governmental roles taking into account differences  
**17 between urban and rural areas** and differences between organized boroughs, the unorganized borough,

1 and regional educational attendance areas;

2 (2) to examine the roles of the federal, state, and municipal governments in providing  
3 services and to determine whether changes ought to be made in those roles and whether legislation is  
4 needed to accomplish those changes;

5 (3) to consider methods of providing for funding for governmental services, including  
6 the existing revenue sharing program and municipal assistance program, and make recommendations for  
7 improved funding mechanisms;

8 (4) to prioritize the need for specific governmental services and consider methods to  
9 ensure those services are efficiently provided;

10 (5) to compare the relationship between local, state, and federal governments in Alaska  
11 with that in other states and make suggestions regarding implementation of successful models and  
12 innovative ideas;

13 (6) to classify various public services by appropriate levels of government responsibility  
14 and evaluate the classification for efficient service delivery, local control, constitutional responsibilities,  
15 ability of government to pay for the services, and other pertinent criteria;

16 (7) to assign the proper revenue sources for each service and determine which level of  
17 government should collect the revenue;

18 (8) to recommend corrections for existing inconsistencies, overlap, or duplication of  
19 governmental functions, and establish a proposed time frame for implementing the corrections;

20 (9) to recommend alternatives for providing services and evaluate cost and funding  
21 options;

22 (10) to recommend changes to local government structures and mandatory powers; and  
23 be it

24 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall consist of 11 members as follows:

25 (1) two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;

26 (2) two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;

27 (3) two persons representing the executive branch, appointed by the Governor;

28 (4) five persons representing different areas of the state and different municipalities,  
29 appointed by the Alaska Municipal League; and be it

30 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that members of the task force shall elect from among themselves a  
31 chair and a vice-chair and that, within funds made available for the purpose, the task force may hire staff  
32 and, subject to approval by the Legislative Council, contract for services to perform its duties under the

1 procurement procedures adopted by the council; and be it

2           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, within funds made available for the purpose, members of the task  
3 force appointed by the Alaska Municipal League are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized  
4 for boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180; and be it

5           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall report its findings and recommendations to  
6 the Governor and the Legislature by April 30, 1993; and be it

7           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force is terminated on April 30, 1993.