

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17 (FINANCE) am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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 recommend legislation
4 needed to accomplish those changes;

5 (3) to consider methods of providing funding for governmental services, including the
6 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 identify 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 12 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, at
29 least one of whom shall represent a city with a population of less than 5,000 located in a rural area,
30 appointed by the Alaska Municipal League; and

31 (5) one person representing an unincorporated community in the unorganized borough,
32 appointed by the Alaska Federation of Natives; and be it

1 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that members of the task force shall elect from among themselves a
2 chair and a vice-chair and that, within funds made available for the purpose, the task force may hire staff
3 and, subject to approval by the Legislative Council, contract for services to perform its duties under the
4 procurement procedures adopted by the council; and be it

5 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that each member of the task force appointed by the Alaska Municipal
6 League should receive per diem and travel expenses from the municipality the member represents, except
7 that the task force may, in cases of necessity and within funds made available for the purpose, approve
8 the payment to a member of per diem and travel expenses authorized for boards and commissions under
9 AS 39.20.180; and be it

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall report its findings and recommendations to
11 the Governor and the Legislature by June 30, 1992; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force is terminated on June 30, 1992.