

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to withholding of federal income taxes from emergency firefighters employed by
2 the Bureau of Land Management.

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

4 WHEREAS the Bureau of Land Management employs many Alaskans as emergency firefighters;
5 and

6 WHEREAS the federal Department of the Interior has established a policy of not withholding
7 federal income tax payments from the wages of emergency firefighters; and

8 WHEREAS this policy results in a hardship to many emergency firefighters who have difficulty
9 anticipating the amount of the federal income tax they will have to pay; and

10 WHEREAS the department has obtained an exemption from the Internal Revenue Service to
11 excuse the department from withholding federal income tax payments from these wages;

12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Secretary of the Interior is requested
13 to reconsider this policy and to begin a system of withholding federal income tax from the wages of
14 emergency firefighters and to seek an amendment of the exemption granted by the Internal Revenue
15 Service for the future.

16 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secretary of the

**1 Interior, and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U. S. Senators, and
2 the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.**