

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41 (RULES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): SENATORS PEARCE, Sturgulewski, Collins, Pourchot

A RESOLUTION

**1 Relating to the use of Alaska facilities for year-round training for national and
2 international sports teams.**

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

**4 WHEREAS Alaska is endowed with a climate and geography that provides excellent
5 opportunities for recreation and amateur sports training, particularly winter sports; and**

**6 WHEREAS Alaska has, for several decades, been a major training and competition center for
7 the U.S. biathlon team, alpine skiing, hockey, cross-country skiing, sled dog racing, and many other
8 sports in Fairbanks, Juneau, and Anchorage; and**

**9 WHEREAS millions of dollars in funding from the state government, national and state sports
10 governing bodies, and the private sector have created in Alaska such world class training and recreational
11 facilities as the Eagle Glacier Nordic Training Center in Girdwood, Kincaid Park in Anchorage, Hatcher
12 Pass in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and Birch Hill Park in Fairbanks that are capable of hosting
13 state, national, and international team training; and**

**14 WHEREAS year-round use of Alaska's natural resources and facilities by national and
15 international sports teams has considerable positive social and health effects on the athletes, coaches, and
16 officials in Alaska; and**

1 **WHEREAS** Alaska would receive substantial economic benefits from hosting team training and
2 national and international sports competitions associated with team training in the state; and

3 **WHEREAS** the legislature created the Alaska Amateur Sports Authority in 1989 to promote and
4 develop amateur sports, including training facilities; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with that charge, the authority is developing the Alaska Sports
6 Training and Education Center in conjunction with the Eagle Glacier Nordic Training Center, Kincaid
7 Park, Hatcher Pass facilities, Birch Hill Park, Alaska Pacific University, and the University of Alaska;

8 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature invites the U.S. biathlon team, the U.S.
9 cross-country team, the U.S. junior development teams, and other state, national, and international sports
10 governing bodies to send individuals and teams to Alaska to make use of its year-round training and
11 educational opportunities; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests the Governor to encourage
13 the Governor's Office, Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Department of Natural
14 Resources, Department of Education, Alaska Amateur Sports Authority, state amateur sports
15 organizations, and other public and private entities to review their options for attracting national and
16 international sports teams to Alaska for training and competition development.

17 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the U.S. Biathlon Association; the U.S. Ski
18 Association; the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States; the Amateur Hockey Association of the
19 United States; the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics; the National Collegiate Athletic
20 Association; the National Junior College Athletic Association; the U.S. Figure Skating Association; the
21 United States Curling Association; the United States International Speed Skating Association; the U.S.
22 Bobsled and Skeleton Federation; the Honorable Jerry Covey, commissioner of education; the Honorable
23 Glenn A. Olds, commissioner of commerce and economic development; the Honorable Harold C. Heinze,
24 commissioner of natural resources; the director of the division of tourism, Department of Commerce and
25 Economic Development; the Anchorage Olympic Organizing Committee; and the Alaska Amateur Sports
26 Authority.