

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Endorsing approval by the United States Congress of S 254 or comparable**
2 **legislation imposing a tax on imported oil.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the federal government requires additional revenue to reduce the federal
5 budget deficit; and

6 **WHEREAS**, without additional revenues, Americans face the prospect of significant
7 budget reductions for federal programs that are vital to their health and welfare and to the
8 educational and economic opportunities available to them; and

9 **WHEREAS** S 254 calls for the imposition of a tax on imported oil; and

10 **WHEREAS** the imposition of an oil import tax would raise revenue and moderate the
11 severity of anticipated federal program reductions; and

12 **WHEREAS** imposition of an oil import tax would provide incentives for further
13 domestic exploration and production, reducing dependence on foreign oil supplies; and

14 **WHEREAS** the imposition of a tax on imported oil should have the effect of
15 increasing the market price on domestically produced oil to the benefit of domestic producers
16 and jurisdictions in which oil production occurs.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature endorses Congressional passage
2 of S 254 or comparable legislation imposing a tax on imported oil.

3 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
4 United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President
5 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate;
6 the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable
7 J. Bennett Johnston, chair of the United States Senate Energy and Natural Resources
8 Committee and principal sponsor of S 254; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
9 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
10 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.