

HJR

19

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date referred: 2/20/87

FURTHER REFERRALS: Judiciary

DATE: 3/3/87

The Labor & Commerce Committee has considered HJR 19

Relating to resident hire on federal projects in the state.

RECOMMENDS:

- replace with CS HJR 19 [etc] the same title
- attached amendment(s) a new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

- fiscal impact same as previous fiscal note published _____
- zero fiscal note same as previous zero fiscal note published _____
- zero with analysis

SIGNING DO PASS:

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SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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 Chairman's signature

IN THE HOUSE

BY DONLEY

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Requesting the federal government to
hire Alaskans for federal jobs and
projects in the state

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

WHEREAS because of its unque climate and its distance from the contiguous states, Alaska has historically suffered from unique social, geographic, and economic conditions that result in an unstable economy; and

WHEREAS the promotion of a resident-based workforce is good local, state, and federal policy; and

WHEREAS the rate of unemployment among residents of the state is one of the highest in the nation; and

WHEREAS the unstable economy is a hardship on the residents of the state and is aggravated by the large numbers of seasonal and transient workers; and

WHEREAS chronic unemployment leads to severe social problems including crime, alcoholism, domestic violence, suicide, child abuse and drug abuse; and

WHEREAS the number of state residents who are unable to find work is considerably higher than is reflected by unemployment rates based on nationally accepted measures, in part because many rural state residents who wish to work do not seek employment as frequently as necessary to meet federal definitions of unemployment because of continuing lack of employment opportunities in rural areas of the state; and

WHEREAS construction projects funded wholly or partially with federal funds have traditionally accounted for a substantial percentage of the available employment in the state; and

WHEREAS federal construction spending in Alaska has a significantly greater effect on the state's economy than is the case in most other states; and

WHEREAS permanent, temporary, and seasonal jobs funded through federal agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service have traditionally accounted for a substantial percentage of the available jobs in Alaska, particularly in rural areas of the state; and

WHEREAS it is inherently fair that unemployed local residents in areas of high unemployment have first chance at being hired for jobs created by government spending in those areas; and

WHEREAS, for constitutional reasons, many aspects of laws requiring local hire for government funded projects are better addressed by federal legislation than by state legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the federal government to hire as many state residents as possible and practicable for federal positions located in the state, including temporary and seasonal positions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that members of the Alaska delegation in Congress are requested to introduce and seek the passage of federal legislation giving an employment preference to unemployed qualified state residents on all construction projects in the state that are wholly or partially funded with federal funds.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress, and John Katz, Special Assistant to the Governor in Washington D.C., and to the Secretaries of Defense, Interior, Commerce, and Labor.

Original sponsors: Donley, Gruenberg,
Boyer, et al.

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LABOR AND
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19 (L&C)

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1 Congress; and to John Katz, Director of State/Federal Relations, Office of
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**STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE**

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REQUEST: _____

Bill Version : _____
Publish Date : _____

Revision Date: _____
Title : Resident hire on federal projects

Agency Affected : _____
BRU : _____

Sponsor : Donley
Requestor : House Labor & Commerce

Components : _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by : House Labor & Commerce
Division : Donley

Phone : 465-3892
Date : 3/3/87

Approved by Commissioner : _____
Agency : _____

Date : _____

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