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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Opposing the proposed reduction in the cost-of-living adjustment for federal employees in
2 Alaska.

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

4 **WHEREAS** the federal Office of Personnel Management commissioned a study that found that
5 the cost of living in some parts of Alaska is now equal to the cost of living in Washington, D.C., which
6 is the base for deciding eligibility for cost-of-living adjustments in the federal government; and

7 **WHEREAS** the study did not adequately consider the high cost of fuel, transportation, and other
8 conditions unique to Alaska; and

9 **WHEREAS** the Office of Personnel Management is considering, based on the study, eliminating
10 the cost-of-living adjustment for federal workers in Anchorage and Fairbanks and reducing the
11 adjustment severely for federal workers living in Juneau; and

12 **WHEREAS** the elimination or reduction of the cost-of-living adjustment may have a significant
13 effect on the ability and willingness of current federal workers in the state to remain in federal service
14 in the state; and

15 **WHEREAS** the elimination or reduction will affect the ability of the federal government to
16 attract new federal employees to positions in the state;

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the Office of
2 Personnel Management carefully review the initial findings of the cost-of-living comparison study,
3 augment them if necessary to accurately reflect the true differential in the cost-of-living in Alaska as
4 compared to elsewhere in the nation, and retain the present cost-of-living adjustments for federal workers
5 in the state.

6 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Constance B. Newman, Director, Office
7 of Personnel Management; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
8 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
9 Congress.