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SPONSOR STATEMENT

HJR 52

Confirmation of Public Corporation Boards Managing State Assets

2/15/00

Alaska's Constitution currently provides for legislative confirmation of all boards or commissions which are the head of a principal department or a regulatory or quasi-judicial agency. An example would be the Department of Fish and Game.

Public corporations, which manage and control billions of dollars of state assets and have a tremendous impact on the economy of our state are not included in this provision. Their members are not subject to legislative confirmation. An example is the Permanent Fund Corporation.

I believe these public corporation boards should also be required to undergo formal appointment and confirmation, thereby making the public and their elected representatives part of the process.

HJR 52 would amend Alaska's constitution to require this.

(7)

Date Referred to Committee: February 2, 2000

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Judiciary
Finance

Date of Committee Action: 2/17/00

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee considered:

HJR 52

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 52

CONFIRM PUBLIC CORP BD MANAGING ASSETS

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to certain public corporations.

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute _____ the same title a new title

additional referral to _____ Committee
 attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: _____ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s): (Dept) _____ APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date) _____
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To: Representative Jeannette James
Chair, House State Affairs Committee

From: Representative Jeannette James

Date: February 7, 2000

Subject: Request for Hearing: HJR 52

Please schedule the following bill for a hearing in the House State Affairs Committee at your earliest convenience:

HJR 52, a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to certain public corporations.

A copy of the resolution is included.



Alaska State Senate

Senate Finance Committee

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Senate State Affairs Committee
Senator Bert Sharp, Chairman
Senator Randy Phillips
Senator Loren Leman
Senator Dave Donley
Senator Jim Duncan

FROM: Senator Rick Halford

DATE: February 20, 1995

SUBJECT: SJR 14 Sponsor Statement

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Halford".

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Currently, the Alaska Constitution provides for legislative confirmation of any board or commission which is the head of a principal department or a regulatory or quasi-judicial agency; such as the Department of Education, the Department of Fish and Game or all the professional and regulatory boards. Public corporations such as the Permanent Fund Corporation, Alaska Railroad, and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, which are far more significant and important than regulatory boards, are not included in this provision.

Board members of these public corporations manage and control billions of dollars of state assets which have a tremendous impact on all Alaskans as well as our state's economy.

To date, the Permanent Fund Corporation manages over 15 billion dollars in state assets. The Railroad Corporation, an agency virtually independent of any state control, manages over 100 million dollars in state assets. Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's 1994 annual report, indicates that AHFC is currently managing assets in excess of 2 billion dollars.

I believe the amendment proposed in SJR 14 is a necessary addition to our state's constitution. It is clear the drafters of the constitution intended that the boards controlling principal state functions and Alaska's largest assets be subject to formal appointment and confirmation.

Please give SJR 14 your full consideration. Thank you.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATORS HALFORD, Ward, Donley, Taylor

Introduced: 1/28/00

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to
2 certain public corporations.

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

4 * **Section 1.** Article III, sec. 26, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 **Section 26. Boards and Commissions.** When a board or commission is at the
6 head of a principal department or a regulatory or quasi-judicial agency, or at the head
7 of a public corporation that manages State assets, its members shall be appointed by
8 the governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in
9 joint session, and may be removed as provided by law. They shall be citizens of the
10 United States. The board or commission may appoint a principal executive officer when
11 authorized by law, but the appointment shall be subject to the approval of the governor.
12 With respect to public corporations, the legislature may by law exclude the
13 applicability of this section based on the type or value, or both, of the State assets
14 that are managed by the public corporation.

15 * **Sec. 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of the
16 state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State

1 of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HJR52

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) _____ Dept. Affected Office of the Governor
 Title Constitutional Amendment: Relating to BRU Elective Operations
certain public corporations Component Elections
 Sponsor Representative James
 Requester House State Affairs Component No. 21

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	1.5					
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	1.5					
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This figure includes the cost of providing information about this issue in the Official Election Pamphlet, as required by AS 15.58. However, only six measures can be printed on an 8-1/2 by 14 inch ballot. If this measure requires printing an 8-1/2 by 18 inch ballot, the cost will increase by \$22.0.

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 Approved by: Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer *Fran Ulmer* Date 02/10/2000
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