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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES JOULE, Chenault, Foster, Gara, Gruenberg, Kapsner, Kerttula, Kookesh, Morgan, Seaton, Stevens, Weyhrauch, Whitaker, Anderson

Introduced: 2/3/03

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, State Affairs, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Establishing a task force to make recommendations regarding a new design for the**
2 **official seal of the State of Alaska.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the official seal of the state was designed in 1910 by federal and
5 territorial officials long before Alaska became a state, and it emphasizes primarily the natural
6 beauty of the state and its abundance of natural resources; and

7 **WHEREAS** the seal should reflect the place and people who now call it home; and

8 **WHEREAS** the seal should ideally depict not only the diversity of its natural
9 resources but also the diversity of its human resources; and

10 **WHEREAS** the seal should include recognition of the many Native cultures of
11 Alaska, as recommended recently by the Governor's Commission on Tolerance; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in order to ensure that the official seal represents modern Alaska and its
13 diverse peoples, the seal should be redesigned through a process that involves many different
14 segments of the population, including school children; and

15 **WHEREAS** the Department of Education and Early Development administers the
16 public school system and the state's historical library, and the Alaska State Council on the

1 Arts operates within that department; and

2 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Historical Commission in the Department of Natural
3 Resources includes members who have backgrounds in history, architecture, and archeology
4 and are very familiar with both the natural and cultural heritage of the state; and

5 **WHEREAS** the mission of the Alaska Humanities Forum, which is a nonprofit
6 organization directed by a board reflective of the state's diverse cultural and geographic
7 regions, includes encouragement of Alaskans' search for a sense of identity and a sense of
8 place through history, tradition, and new ideas by stimulating community-based discussion of
9 the humanities throughout Alaska; and

10 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Native Heritage Center is a nonprofit organization that is
11 headed by a board of directors drawn from Alaska Native corporations and civic and business
12 groups who are guided by a 30-member academy composed of Native elders and tradition
13 bearers from diverse Native peoples, including Athabaskan, Yup'ik and Cup'ik Eskimo,
14 Inupiaq, Aleut, Alutiiq, Eyak, Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian;

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature establishes in the legislative
16 branch the Task Force on the State Seal whose mission is to gather input from the citizens of
17 Alaska about what the official state seal should look like and to make recommendations to the
18 legislature about a proposed new design for a new official seal for the state; and be it

19 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governor is respectfully requested to appoint to the
20 task force

21 (1) two representatives of the Department of Education and Early
22 Development; and

23 (2) two representatives of the Alaska Historical Commission in the
24 Department of Natural Resources; and be it

25 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the legislature respectfully requests the board of
26 directors of the Alaska Humanities Forum to appoint two members to the task force; and be it

27 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the legislature respectfully requests the board of
28 directors of the Alaska Native Heritage Center to appoint two members to the task force; and
29 be it

30 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force may begin its work immediately upon
31 appointment of four of the eight members specified in this resolution, may select a chair from

1 among its members, may meet between sessions of the legislature, may solicit ideas for the
2 state seal in a manner considered appropriate by the task force, and shall report its
3 recommendations as to a proposed new official state seal to the legislature by the first day of
4 the Second Regular Session of the Twenty-Third Alaska State Legislature; and be it

5 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Legislative Council shall provide reasonably
6 necessary administrative services to the task force upon request of the task force; and be it

7 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the task force are entitled to
8 reimbursement of travel costs associated with attending meetings of the task force; and be it

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force established under this resolution is
10 terminated on the last day of the Second Regular Session of the Twenty-Third Alaska State
11 Legislature.

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Alaska State Legislature
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Sponsor Statement for HCR 5: creating a special task force to redesign the state seal

By Representative Reggie Joule

The official seal of the State of Alaska was designed 93 years ago by federal and territorial officials. It is time to consider whether the seal should reflect the modern state in which we live and recognize the many diverse cultures of Alaska. This resolution would authorize a task force of Alaskans to solicit proposals for changing the seal and report recommendations to the second session of the 23rd Alaska Legislature.

The task force proposed by this resolution would be housed in the Alaska Legislature. Two representatives each would be appointed from the Alaska Historical Commission, the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, the Alaska Humanities Forum and the Alaska Native Heritage Center. The task force would serve as a focal point for public involvement in the redesign of the seal, including suggestions from Alaska school children.

A final design for a new seal would be up to the full Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE

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Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services	21.0					
Travel	12.5					
Contractual	16.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies	3.0					
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	53.0	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	53.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	53.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: _____

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary	1	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

HCR 5 establishes a six member Task Force in the Legislative Branch whose mission is to gather input from the citizens of Alaska about what the official State Seal should look like and to make recommendations to the Legislature about a proposed new design for a new official State Seal for the State. The Task Force on the State Seal will be comprised of two representatives of the Department of Education and Early Development, two representatives of the Alaska Historical Commission in the Department of Natural Resources, two members appointed by the Board of Directors of the Alaska Humanities Forum, and two members appointed by the Board of Directors of the Alaska Native Heritage Center.

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Personal Services - It is anticipated that the Task Force on the State Seal will ask for and receive reasonable administrative services support from the Legislative Council. The services would most likely include coordinating travel arrangements, setting up teleconferences, placing advertisements if the Task Force decides to hold a contest or wishes to hear testimony and ideas from people in the State regarding the State Seal, and other duties to facilitate the work of the Task Force. This fiscal note anticipates the cost of the administrative support to be 3 months of a Range 21 equaling \$21,000.

Travel - It is anticipated that the Task Force will hold two 3 day meetings requiring travel. Both meetings will be held in Anchorage. The travel costs for the 4 representatives from the DCED and DNR-Alaska Historical Commission will be absorbed within Executive Branch travel budgets. This fiscal note contains funding for the appointees from the Alaska Humanities Forum and the Alaska Native Heritage Center and the administrative support person. For the purposes of this fiscal note the appointees are assumed to be from Kotzebue, Ketchikan, Anchorage, and Juneau. The support person is assumed to be from Juneau. This fiscal note also includes funding for two people, either two Task Force members, or one Task Force member and a contest winner, to meet with the Legislature in Juneau to review the recommendations of the Task Force during the Second Regular Session of the 23rd Legislature.

Two Anchorage Meetings: Airfare \$ 4,000; Per Diem \$ 6,000 = \$ 10,000
Juneau Meeting with Legislature: Airfare \$ 1,200; Per Diem \$ 1,300 = \$ 2,500

All other meetings will be by teleconference. Teleconference costs will be absorbed by the Legislative Affairs Agency.

Contractual - It is anticipated that the Task Force will require a phone budget, most likely for calling cards in the amount of \$150 per month times 10 months = \$1,500.

As it is not known how the Task Force will decide to pursue their objective, \$15,000 is included in this fiscal note which may be used for expenses relating to conducting a contest, including advertising in newspapers all over the State over several weeks, or to mail flyers to interested parties or residents in the State interested in participating in the contest or submitting ideas to the Task Force. These funds might also be used to acquire a simple scriptlet program to allow children to design their own State Seal on the website. These funds could also be used to hire a graphic artist if the Task Force wished to contract with a consultant to create a new State Seal based on input from Alaskans.

The Legislative Affairs Agency will work with the Task Force to create a web site on the Legislature's home page to inform Alaskans about the activities of the Task Force and to provide an avenue for interested persons to comment about new ideas for the State Seal. Interested parties would be able to provide information to the Task Force by submitting ideas through the Legislative Information Offices around the State. These costs will be absorbed by the Legislative Affairs Agency. The Information Offices will also work with the Task Force to provide information to the schools if requested to do so by the Task Force.

Supplies - It is anticipated the Task Force will need to purchase supplies to help organize information submitted to them and may need to purchase computer software for rendering proposed designs into graphic images for presentation to the Legislature - \$3,000.

If requested by the Task Force, costs to print black and white flyers or copies of the proposed new State Seal, will be absorbed by the Legislative Affairs Agency Printshop.

Alaska's Official State Seal

the case for modernization

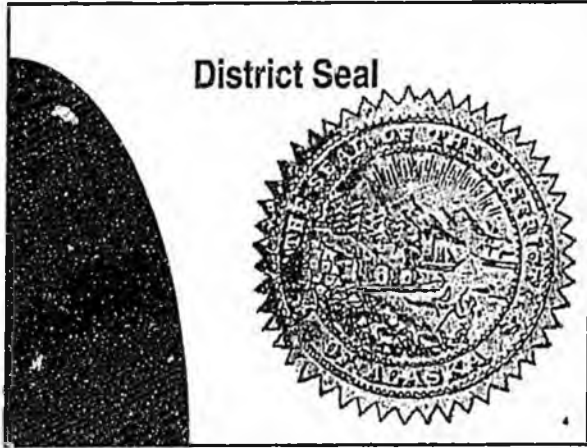


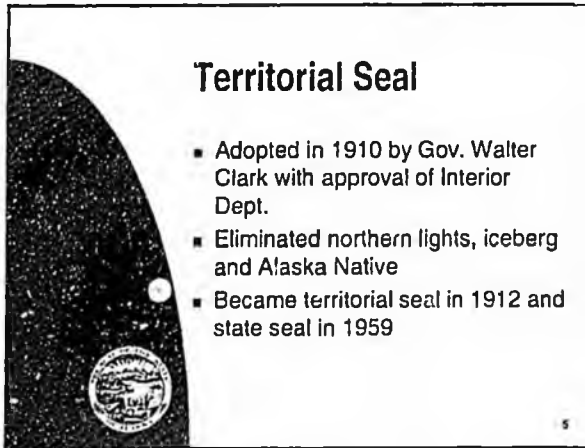
Introduction

- HCR 5 Task Force on State Seal
- Focal point for citizen involvement in designing new seal
- Report to Legislature in January 2004
- Any changes to seal require approval of full Legislature

Alaska's First Seal

- Designed by Gov. John Kinkead in 1885
- Alaska was military district then
- Seal depicted northern lights, icebergs and Alaska Native








Elements of the Seal

- The rising sun of "development and industrial progress" in 1910
- Ore mill, train and wharf
- Steamship and fishing vessel
- Forests
- Harvest scene
- Fur seal and salmon



Why change the seal?

- Alaska has changed dramatically since 1910
- New industries, including oil & gas
- Alaska Natives deserve recognition
- Alaskans deserve involvement – a good learning exercise
- The future: what symbols might have currency in 100 years?



Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game



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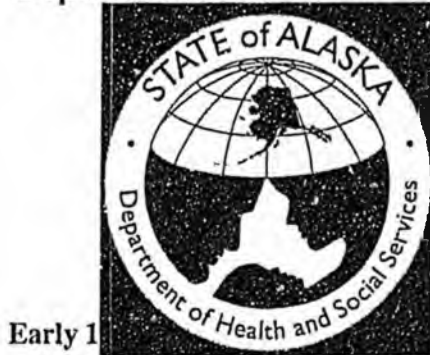
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Montana State Seal



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