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# SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 5/15/03

FURTHER: Finance

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IN TO OFFICE: 3/12/04

State Affairs Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5(FIN) am

## HCR 5 LEGIS. TASK FORCE ON DESIGN OF STATE SEAL

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

and recommends:

- be replaced with Sen CS HCR 5 (STA)
- adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**Senate Bill:**

- same title
- new title

**House Bill:**

- same title
- technical title
- new: SCR # \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
<u>Leg.</u>	<u>3/12/04</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<u>Bert Stinson</u>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<u>Paul [unclear]</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<b>CHAIR:</b> <u>[Signature]</u>				

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3/8/04

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5( )  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:  
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES JOULE, Chenault, Foster, Gara, Gruenberg, Kapsner, Kerttula, Kookesh, Morgan, Seaton, Stevens, Weyhrauch, Whitaker, Anderson

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

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

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governor is respectfully requested to appoint to the  
15 task force

16 (1) two representatives of the Department of Education and Early  
17 Development, one of whom shall be an employee of the department who is a certificated  
18 teacher and one of whom shall be a member of the Alaska State Council on the Arts; and

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

21 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the legislature respectfully requests the Pioneers of  
22 Alaska to appoint one member to the task force; and be it

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

26 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force may begin its work immediately upon  
27 appointment of four of the seven members specified in this resolution, may select a chair from  
28 among its members, may meet between sessions of the legislature, may solicit ideas for the  
29 state seal in a manner considered appropriate by the task force, and shall report its  
30 recommendations as to a proposed new official state seal to the legislature by the first day of  
31 the First Regular Session of the Twenty-Fourth Alaska State Legislature; and be it

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

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

5           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force established under this resolution is  
6 terminated on the last day of the First Regular Session of the Twenty-Fourth Alaska State  
7 Legislature.

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**Alaska State Legislature**  
**REPRESENTATIVE REGGIE JOULE**

**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 94 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 first session of the 24th 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 and the Alaska Native Heritage Center. The Pioneers of Alaska would have one representative on the panel. 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.

# Alaska's Official State Seal

the case for modernization



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## 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

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## Alaska's First Seal

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

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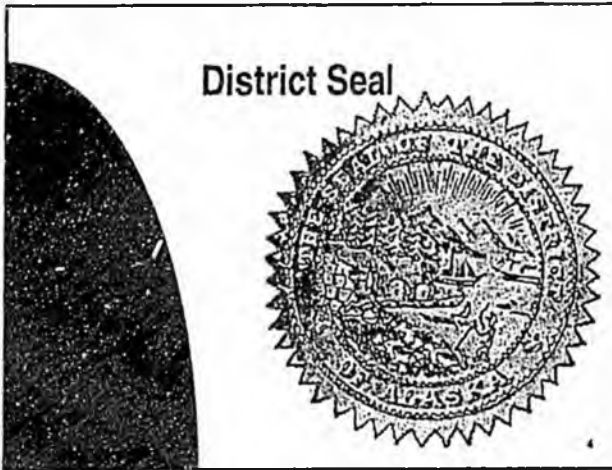
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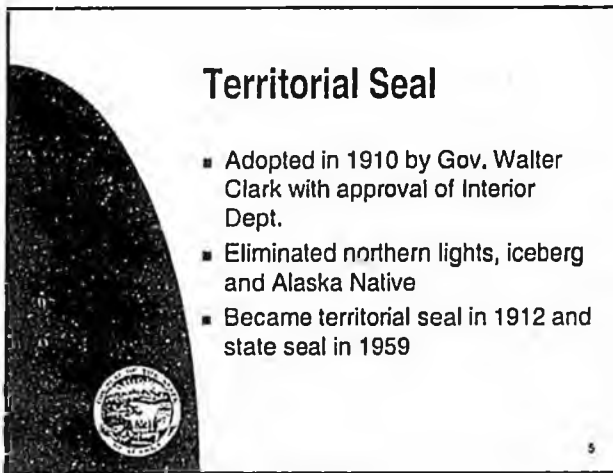
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### Elements of the Seal

- 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




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### 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?




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Hawaii State Seal



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Montana State Seal



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Idaho State Seal



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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version: Workdraft 23-LS0367\H  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Legislature  
Title: "Establishing a task force to make BRU: Legislative Council  
recommendations regarding a new design for the official seal..." Component: Council and Subcommittees  
Sponsor: Representative Joule, Chenault...  
Requester: House Finance Committee Component No.: 783

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services	17.0					
Travel	10.8					
Contractual	23.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies	3.0					
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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	33.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other - SDPR - 1108	20.0					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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)  
Workdraft 23-LS0367\H establishes a seven 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, one member appointed by the Pioneers of Alaska, and two members appointed by the Board of Directors of the Alaska Native Heritage Center.

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Division: Administrative Services Date/Time 3/9/04 8:50 AM  
Approved by: Pamela Varni, Executive Director Date 3/9/2004  
Agency: Legislative Affairs Agency

## FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. Workdraft 23-LS0367NH

### 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 18 equaling \$16,200.

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 Pioneers of Alaska 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, and Anchorage. 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 First Regular Session of the 24th Legislature.

Two Anchorage Meetings: Airfare \$ 3,800; Per Diem \$ 4,500 = \$ 8,300

Juneau Meeting with Legislature: Airfare \$ 1,300; Per Diem \$ 1,200 = \$ 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, \$21,500 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.

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Byron Mallott  
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May 28, 2003

Dear Byron,

With the legislative session now completed, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the support of the First Alaskans Institute for House Concurrent Resolution 5, which calls for a redesign of the Official Seal of Alaska. Your support was crucial in helping move HCR 5 through three committees in the House of Representatives this year and on to the Senate, where I hope to win passage next year.

In its course through the House, HCR 5 was altered a bit from its original form. I've enclosed a copy of the latest version for your review. In brief, the resolution establishes a seven-member task force to coordinate the redesign process for the seal. The task force includes two members each from the Department of Education and Early Development, the Alaska Historical Commission and the Alaska Native Heritage Center, and one representative of the Pioneers of Alaska. The House Finance Committee authorized \$53,000 for the work of the task force, of which \$20,000 is to come from private donations.

The resolution is now in the hands of the Senate State Affairs Committee, where Chairman Gary Stevens is a co-sponsor. From there it moves to the Senate Finance Committee and the full Senate.

I look forward to continued progress on this issue. As Carrie Brown wrote in her letter to me on April 9, the seal is badly in need of "a new design that more accurately reflects what modern Alaska is, in all its diversity."

With warm personal regards, I am,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reggie Joule".

Rep. Reggie Joule  
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President & CEO  
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May 28, 2003

Dear Mr. Wight,

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I look forward to continued progress on this issue. As you stated in your letter of May 1, the educational value of designing a new seal for the state should be important to many young Alaskans.

With best wishes, I am,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reggie Joule".

Rep. Reggie Joule  
House District 40