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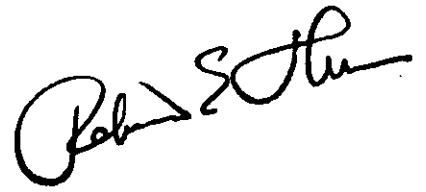
MEMORANDUM

Date: February 23, 2010

To: Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom, Chair
House Rules Committee

From: Rep. Bob Herron, Co-Chair Community & Regional Affairs
Rep. Cathy Muñoz, Co-Chair Community & Regional Affairs

RE: House Joint Resolution 46, Supporting Denali Commission



We respectfully request that HJR 46, "Urging Congressional support for the reauthorization of the Denali Commission" be calendared for a floor vote.

HJR 46 urges the Obama administration to reauthorize the commission for an additional five years and urges the United States Congress to provide funding to provide for the continued success of the Denali Commission in its vital mission.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Rob Earl at 465-5141.

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HJR 46, Supporting Denali Commission Sponsor Statement

The importance of the Denali Commission to Rural Alaska's infrastructure needs cannot be overstated. Since 1999, the Commission has very successfully promoted rural development by providing economic, infrastructure, job training, and health care support in rural communities.

The Denali Commission has invested approximately \$1 billion to improve the infrastructure and sustainability of rural Alaska, complementing the state's investment of about \$2 billion toward the same purposes.

Today, the Denali Commission brings together stakeholders from throughout Alaska to advise the Denali Commission in the wise investment of its Federal resources. These investments offer a means for effective local and state partnership in finding ways to sustain rural Alaska's communities and culture.

This Resolution urges the Obama administration to reauthorize the commission for an additional five years and urges the United States Congress to provide funding to provide for the continued success of the Denali Commission in its vital mission.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: HJR46
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier (file name): HJR46-LEG-COU-2-19-10 Dept. Affected: Legislature
Title: Urging Congressional support for the RDU: Legislative Council
reauthorization of the Denali Commission. Component: Council and Subcommittees
Sponsor: House Community and Regional Affairs Committee
Requester: House Community and Regional Affairs Committee Component Number: 783

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING		0.0	0.0	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								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
This Legislation has zero fiscal impact on the Legislative Affairs Agency.

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Introduced: 2/19/10

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging Congressional support for the reauthorization of the Denali Commission.**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, since 1999, the Denali Commission has promoted rural development by
4 providing economic, infrastructure, job training, and health care support in rural communities,
5 with minimal overhead and administrative costs; and

6 **WHEREAS** the Denali Commission has invested approximately \$1,000,000,000 to
7 improve the infrastructure and sustainability of rural Alaska communities, which has
8 complemented the state's investment of approximately \$2,000,000,000 for those purposes;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS** the Denali Commission has proven to be an effective catalyst for federal
11 and state efforts to improve rural infrastructure, including transmission facilities,
12 communication systems, bulk fuel facilities, power system upgrades, primary care clinics and
13 other health facilities, housing, washeterias, solid waste facilities, and rural transportation
14 improvements; and

15 **WHEREAS** the Denali Commission has trained construction and health care workers
16 for careers in their communities and regions, and has promoted economic development and

1 sustainability through effective interagency coordination; and

2 **WHEREAS** the Denali Commission has served Alaska well for over a decade in
3 meeting its intended purposes and therefore merits continued funding and authorization; and

4 **WHEREAS** the Bush Caucus recognizes the importance of the state's role as a co-
5 chair of the Denali Commission and will urge the legislature to continue to provide matching
6 funds for Denali Commission projects; and

7 **WHEREAS** President Obama's administration has recognized the importance of the
8 Denali Commission with a base appropriation of \$11,965,000 a year in the federal fiscal year
9 2010 and 2011 budgets;

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes the valuable work of
11 the Denali Commission and supports the reauthorization of the commission for an additional
12 five years; and be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges the
14 United States Congress to provide the necessary funding for the ongoing development and
15 operation of the Denali Commission.

16 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of
17 the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and
18 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate;
19 the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy
20 Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable John Boehner, Minority
21 Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Gary F. Locke, United States
22 Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Raymond L. LaHood, United States Secretary of
23 Transportation; the Honorable Kathleen Sebelius, United States Secretary of Health and
24 Human Services; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S.
25 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
26 delegation in Congress.

HJR 46, Supporting Denali Commission

Mr Speaker, HJR 46 encourages the United States Congress to re-authorize the Denali Commission with adequate funding and encourages the President and his Administration to continue the Denali Commission as an authorized Independent Federal Agency. The Denali Commission is one of seven Federal Regional Commissions serving the challenges of rural America. Yet, while the Denali Commission has a proven record of over 10 years of service to rural Alaska, it is the only Regional Commission that is not presently authorized, with authorization that expired on October 1, 2009.

This resolution will act as a clear statement by the Alaska Legislature to the United States Congress to re-authorize the Denali Commission, enabling the Alaska Delegation to pursue the necessary funding for the Denali Commission to invest in rural Alaska.

I urge passage of this Resolution. Thank-you Mr Speaker.

[All commissions are re-authorized for 5 years at a time.]

1) The Denali Commission is one of seven commissions that include:

Appalachian Regional Commission - East Coast Mountains - Funded in FY10 - Authorized in FY08

Denali Commission - Alaska - Funded in FY10 - Not Authorized

Delta Regional Authority - Mississippi - Alabama - Louisiana - Funded in FY10 - Authorized in 2008 Farm Bill (P.L. 110-627)

All brand new in 2008 Farm Bill

Northern Border Regional Commission - Maine - New Hampshire - Vermont - New York - Funded in FY10 - Authorized in 2008 Farm Bill

Southeast Crescent - 7 SE States - Authorized in 2008 Farm Bill and not yet in the President's budget.

Southwest Regional Border Authority - Arizona - New Mexico - Texas - California - Authorized in 2008 Farm Bill and not yet in President's budget.

Northern Great Plains Regional Authority - North Dakota - South Dakota - Kansas - Nebraska - Iowa - Authorized in 2008 Farm Bill and not yet in President's budget.

Appalachian Regional Commission was not authorized for about a year in 06-07.

2) Denali Commission is funded in FY10 for \$61M as follows:

\$12M - Base budget

\$ 4M - TAPL interest

\$ 7M - USDA High Cost Energy (Estimated) - Earmark in USDA

\$28M - Denali Access Program - Earmarks in SAFETEA-LU

\$10M - HRSA Rural Health Facilities - Earmark in HHS

“ The Denali Commission has a proven record of over 10 years of service to ~~the~~ Alaska, and is the only Regional Commission that is not presently authorized. HJR 46 encourages Congress and the President to re-authorize the Denali Commission as an Independent Federal Agency so that the commission may continue its mission, vital to ~~rural~~ development in Alaska. ”

ECONOMIC

Herron quote

Rob Earl

From: Dani Carlson
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 4:09 PM
To: Dani Carlson
Subject: Press Release: HJR 46 Passes Legislature, Supports Denali Commission
Attachments: CRA_20100315_HJR46.pdf



**PRESS RELEASE
RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE

LEGISLATURE SUPPORTS DENALI COMMISSION
House Committee stands up for vital organization

Monday, March 15, 2010, Juneau, Alaska – The Alaska State Senate today unanimously passed House Joint Resolution 46, urging the federal government to support reauthorization of the Denali Commission. HJR 46 is a priority of the Legislature’s Bush Caucus.

The House Community & Regional Affairs Committee sponsored the resolution to persuade Congress, the White House and members of the President’s Cabinet to reauthorize the Denali Commission for another five years.

“The Denali Commission has proven over a decade that it’s vital to supporting Alaska,” C&RA Co-Chair Bob Herron, D-Bethel, said. “It’s unfortunate that it’s the only regional commission that is not presently authorized. I strongly encourage congress to re-authorize the Denali Commission as an independent federal agency for the benefit of all Alaskans.”

“The Federal-State partnership has been essential to the success of the Denali Commission,” C&RA Co-Chair Cathy Muñoz, R-Juneau, said. “Re-authorization by Congress will allow the Commission to continue its mission of community development in Alaska.”

HJR 46 now goes to the governor’s office for signature.

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yours,

Dani Carlson

House Majority Press Office

<i>Funding Sources</i>	<i>FY99</i>	<i>FY00</i>	<i>FY01</i>	<i>FY02</i>	<i>FY03</i>	<i>FY04</i>	<i>FY05</i>	<i>FY06</i>	<i>FY07</i>	<i>FY08</i>	<i>FY09</i>	<i>FY10*</i>
Department of the Interior							0.9861					
Department of Labor						4.97	6.944	6.8746	6.875	6.7549	3.378	
USDA Solid Waste						1	1.5	0.7425	0.7425	0.433	0.434	
Housing & Urban Development						1.9882	1.289					
Environmental Protection Agency				3	2.9805	3.4794	3.968					
Health & Human Services			10	19.9	27.222	34.693	39.543	39.2832	39.2832	38.5967	19.642	10
USDA Rural Utilities Service			15	25	18.5	15	15	15	15	10	8.5	8
Trans-Alaska Pipeline Liability Fund		5	11.36	11.36	2.486	4.273	4.4	4.2333	3.9913	5.8309	7.3132	6
Energy & Water Appropriation	20	20	30	38	48	55	66.464	49.5	49.5	21.8	11.8	11.965
Department of Transportation (FTA & FHWA)								24.955	18.4143	25.4639	23.484	25
	20	25	66.36	97.26	99.1885	120.4036	140.0941	140.5886	133.8063	108.8794	74.5512	60.965

