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Sponsor Statement for House Concurrent Resolution No. 5

Short Title: IN-STATE GAS PIPELINE

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Purpose and Intent HCR 5

The intent of House Concurrent Resolution No. 5 is to provide energy security for Alaskans by requesting that the Governor take all steps necessary to encourage development of a natural gas pipeline from the North Slope to the Cook Inlet region – and to do so with all due speed.

Alaskans' demand for reasonably priced, clean burning fuel for their homes is on the rise. With the cost of electricity and home heating fuel still at record breaking prices, and with completion of a large diameter natural gas pipeline not expected until 2016, at the earliest, now is the time to take action to build a smaller gas line. HCR 5 requests that the Governor work to support the timely construction of a natural gas bullet pipeline from the North Slope to the Cook Inlet region, including assisting and facilitating a private entity to commit to investing in the bullet pipeline before November 1, 2010.

Summary HCR 5:

- Requests that the Governor provide energy security for all Alaskans by taking action necessary to support the development of a natural gas pipeline that will deliver natural gas from the North Slope to Cook Inlet.
- Requests that the Governor assist and facilitate the commitment of a private entity to invest in the bullet pipeline before November 1, 2010.

Benefits HCR 5:

- Secures an adequate supply of affordable natural gas for residential and industrial consumers from the North Slope to Cook Inlet.
- Enhances production and exports of liquefied natural gas, thereby increasing jobs, and local and state revenue.

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- Allows the Interior and other regions in the state to convert from fossil fuels to cheaper and cleaner burning natural gas, thereby increasing compliance with the fine particle air quality standard issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and enhancing Alaskan's health.

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