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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(9)

Date Referred to Committee: February 1, 2013

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 3-1-13

The RESOURCES Committee considered:

HCR 1

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Relating to the establishment and operation of a state food resource development working group.

HCR 1 STATE FOOD RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Recommends it be replaced with HCS or CS for HCR 1 (EDT)
 For Senate Bills with new title: Technical Title New Title: HCR _____ Same Title New Title

- attach amendments
- add new referral to _____ Committee
- Letter of Intent _____ Committee

List of Abbrev for Depts.:

- ADM
- CED
- COR
- CRT
- EED
- DEC
- DFG
- GOV
- DHS
- LWF
- LAW
- LEG
- MVA
- DNR
- DPS
- REV
- DOT
- UA

<u>NEW FISCAL NOTES</u>				
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*FN#	List by Dept(s):	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero

<u>PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTES</u>				
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1	HEDT/Leg			X

<u>Signing with recommendations</u>	Printed Last Name	DP	DNP	NR	AM
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	Hawker	*			
	Tuck	X			
	Johnson	X			
	Seaton	X			
	TARR	X			
	OLSON	X			
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*Sponsor Statement for
House Concurrent Resolution 1
by Representative Bill Stoltze*

The passage of House Concurrent Resolution 1 calls of the Governor to establish a state food resource development working group with the primary goal of producing more locally grown and harvested food items to be consumed in Alaska, by Alaskans.

In addition the resolution calls on the Governor to requests multiple departments of his administration to work closely with the working to increase the production and consumption of local food items in Alaska.

Whether it be agriculture products, seafood or locally produced meat, increased local food products will lead to a healthier Alaska and enhance the economy of the entire state.

The importance and value of creating and maintaining a robust supply of Alaskan food is why the resolution is asking the Governor to establish a state food resource development working group to work to identify resources and set policies to build a strong, sustainable healthy food system in the state.

In addition to creating the working group, this resolution calls on the governor to request the departments of his administration to work closely with the farmer's, fisherman, cattle ranchers and shellfish growers to produce more locally grown food products to consumption in Alaska, by Alaskans.

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Memorandum

TO: Representative Dan Saddler, Co-Chair House Resource Committee
Representative Eric Feige, Co-Chair House Resource Committee

FROM: Bill Stoltze

DATE: February 4, 2013

RE: Summary of Changes for CS HCR 1

The House Special Committee on Economic Development, Trade and Tourism adopted a Committee Substitute for HCR 1 that includes the addition of village native corporations to the previous version of the resolution.

Page 5, Line 9-10

“village corporations organized under 43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq. (Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act)” was added.

This change reflects that the village corporations own the surface rights to the holdings of the native corporations established by ANCSA.

Contact my staff member Darrell Breese (465-4958) for additional information.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HCR 1
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: CSHCR1(EDT)-LEG-SESS-02-20-2013
Title: STATE FOOD RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
GROUP
Sponsor: STOLTZE
Requester: House Resources

Department: Alaska Legislature
Appropriation: Legislative Council
Allocation: Session Expenses
OMB Component Number: 782

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2014 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency?
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Initial Version

Prepared By: Jessica Geary, Finance Manager
Division: Legislative Affairs Agency
Approved By: Pamela Varni, Executive Director
Legislative Affairs Agency

Phone: (907)465-6626
Date: 02/20/2013 10:04 AM
Date: 02/20/13

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

**STATE OF ALASKA
2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

BILL NO. CSHCR 1 (EDT)

Analysis

This Legislation has zero fiscal impact on the Legislative Affairs Agency.



Bryce Wrigley, President
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Jane Hamilton, Executive Director
janehamilton99737@yahoo.com

Dear Representative Stolze,

Thank you for introducing HCR01 to coordinate and strengthen Alaska's efforts to create a local food system. Food production and food security must become a top priority of the state. There is less than a week's supply of food in the state. We ship in almost all the food we consume. We are dependent on a food distribution system that has been disrupted numerous times due to natural and man caused disasters.

Farmers and ranchers are thwarted by regulations that prohibit the growth and expansion of the industry. Agencies providing inspection services, veterinary services and the oversight of land issues are currently functions of several different agencies. I believe implementation of HCR01 would help develop a local sustainable food system by coordinating resources of several agencies resources on the mission of providing food for Alaska.

Creation of a strong local food system will greatly strengthen the security of Alaska by stemming the export of food dollars and putting the source of our food 1800 miles closer.

I urge support of the rest of the legislature and passage of HCR01. We also urge its support and implementation by the Governor.

Sincerely,

Bryce Wrigley
President, Alaska Farm Bureau



Catholic Social Services

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January 30, 2013

Representative Bill Stoltze
State Capitol Room 515
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Stolze,

Catholic Social Services (CSS) supports bill HCR01 and the vision to improve our food systems for the benefit of all Alaskans. CSS operates the largest food pantry in the state — St. Francis House located in Anchorage. Last year, we provided groceries at no cost to 15,493 unduplicated and 49,836 duplicated clients who experienced food insecurity.

I am pleased to see the Alaska State Legislature supports the work of the Alaska Food Policy Council (AFPC) and encourage the Governor to establish a new state food resource development working group. The primary goal of the new working group — **producing more locally grown and harvested food items to be consumed in Alaska, by Alaskans** -- supports several of the goals of the AFPC and CSS. We look forward to collaborating with the new working group and all the state agencies involved in our food system to address Alaska's critical food challenges.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony to the committee.

Sincerely,

Susan H. Bomalaski, Ph.D., LPC
Executive Director

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Creating Hope*



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28 January 2013

RE: Letter of Support for HCR-01 Establishment and operation of a state food resource development working group

Dear Representative Stoltze:

A strong and secure Alaskan food system is essential to the health and wellness of all Alaskans.

This resolution supports collaboration and intentional integration of resources among the many interests involved in our state's food supply chain to improve our food system. By working together, Alaska will have a more efficient, sustainable, and effective food resource development policy and framework that works for all Alaskans and will

- Deliver a strong and secure food system that can provide jobs, support healthy communities, and increase food security to feed the hungry and insulate us from potential disruptions along the food supply chain.
- Leverage the work of the Alaska Food Policy Council with over 200 Alaskans from the farming, fishing, business, food banking/anti-hunger network, health, and environmental conservation sectors of our state. Stakeholders formed and joined this policy council because of their concerns of the many Alaskan food challenges, and are and will be working to tackle them in a comprehensive way.
- Provide nutritious and affordable, especially local foods, that are part of the solution to support Alaskans in their efforts to have healthy weights and prevent disease.
- Support the goal that 90% of Alaskan students graduate on time by the year 2020. When students are distracted by hunger, they are unable to focus, stay and succeed in school.
- Bend the cost curve on healthy foods so that families don't have to choose between paying for heat or for food.

Thank you for sponsoring this resolution and the opportunity to provide written testimony to the committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Brown", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michele Brown
President

LIVE UNITED.



Southeast Alaska Conservation Council

419 Sixth Street, Suite 200 Juneau, AK 99801 Phone: (907) 586-6942 Fax: (907) 463-3312

Representative Bill Stoltze
District 11
Alaska State Capitol, Room 515
Juneau, AK 99801

January 31, 2013

Dear Representative Stoltze,

The Southeast Alaska Conservation Council supports HCR 1. A Food Resource Development Working Group is a necessary step to improve the health and security of Alaskans. Locally grown and produced foods create sustainable communities. We share a desire to see a vibrant, healthy Alaska that feeds itself off the rich lands and pure waters throughout our state.

Sustainability is a core focus for SEACC and we look forward to someday sharing our information with the Food Resource Development Working Group. Alaskans need healthy food that is grown or harvested in Alaska.

Thank you

Lindsey Ketchel

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'L. Ketchel'.

Executive Director
SEACC

Darrell Breese

From: Tracy Gagnon <tracy@sitkawild.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 10:22 AM
To: Darrell Breese
Subject: 1,200 Members in support of HCR01
Attachments: HCR01.docx

Hi Darrell,

Please see the attached letter in support of HCR01 on behalf of our 1,200 members at the Sitka Conservation Society. We believe it critical that the Governor establish a food resource development working group to address our state, regional, and local food security.

Thanks,
Tracy Gagnon

Dear Representative Stolze,

My name is Tracy Gagnon and I am writing to express my strong support of HCR01 on behalf of our 1,200 members of the Sitka Conservation Society (SCS). At SCS we are dedicated to developing sustainable communities in Southeast Alaska. A core component of a sustainable community is a viable food system. We have worked to support the development of a viable food system by connecting the local seafood industry to institutional food services in Alaska. One of the programs where we have done this successfully is through our Fish to Schools (F2S) program, which helped get local fish into the local school lunch program. F2S connects fishermen, seafood processors, local school districts, and food service providers to ensure that local seafood is served to students through the school lunch program. This program not only strengthens our local food system but supports and creates jobs, bolsters economic activity, and connects our community to its deepest cultural roots. A state food resource development working group, through HCR01, would strengthen the capacity of our food system and generate cumulative benefits for our state's health and economy.

I am pleased to see the Alaska State Legislature support the work of the Alaska Food Policy Council and encourage the Governor to establish a new state food resource development working group. The primary goal of the new working group, **producing more locally grown and harvested food items to be consumed in Alaska, by Alaskans**, supports several of the goals of the AFPC and our mission at SCS. As a member of the AFPC, we look forward to collaborating with the new working group and state agencies to strengthen our food system and address Alaska's critical food challenges.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony to the committee.

Sincerely,

*Tracy Gagnon
Community Sustainability Organizer
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Darrell Breese

From: Lisa Sadleir-Hart <sitkalocalfoodsnetwork@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 11:19 AM
To: Darrell Breese
Subject: HCR01 support

Dear Representative Stolze,

My name is Lisa Sadleir-Hart, co-chair of the Alaska Food Policy Council (AFPC), treasurer of the Sitka Local Foods Network and former Community Nutrition Department Manager with the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium. I am writing to express my strong support of HCR01. The vision of the AFPC is healthy, secure food systems that feed all Alaskans and its mission is to improve our food systems for the benefit of all Alaskans, and I believe that HCR01 would enable us to accomplish our mission more effectively in our state. This resolution would allow us to see more collaboration between the many interests involved in our state's food supply chain and thereby help us accomplish a more efficient, sustainable, and effective food resource development policy for Alaska that works for all Alaskans.

I am pleased to see the Alaska State Legislature support the work of the Alaska Food Policy Council and encourage the Governor to establish a new state food resource development working group. The primary goal of the new working group -- producing more locally grown and harvested food items to be consumed in Alaska, by Alaskans -- supports several of the goals of the AFPC. The Alaska Food Policy Council looks forward to collaborating with the new working group and all the state agencies involved in our food system to address Alaska's critical food challenges.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony to the committee.

Sincerely,

Lisa Sadleir-Hart, MPH, RD, CHES
Co-Chair, Alaska Food Policy Council

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907-738-8336 (For Farmers Markets)

President, Kerry MacLane

V. President, Linda Wilson
Secretary, Robin Grewe
Treasurer, Lisa Sadleir-Hart
Board Members, Cathy Liser, Maybelle Filler and one vacant seat

Darrell Breese

From: Milli <millimom@xyz.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 7:44 AM
To: Rep. Bill Stoltze
Subject: re: HCR 1

Dear Rep. Stoltze,

Thank you for again bringing forward HCR 1, that would establish a State Food Resource Development Working Group. I see this as a very positive way to assist and encourage more local, locally grown and produced products within Alaska. In Homer we have a very active agriculture community, that has grown tremendously over the past years with the access to high tunnels, and, the peony flower industry, alongside the long existing beef and grasslands productions. I believe the State can play a vital role in assisting these growers, to the benefit of all Alaskans, and therefore I strongly support HCR 1.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Milli Martin
PO Box 2652
Homer, AK 99603
907-235-6652.

Darrell Breese

From: Marsha Rouggly <mrouggly@xyz.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 8:28 AM
To: Rep. Bill Stoltze

Dear Rep. Bill Stoltze,

Thank you for supporting agriculture in Alaska. We need all the help we can get. I remember a time when the Seward Highway was closed by avalanche for 2 weeks, with only very short openings before another one came down. The grocery stores had bare shelves in 3 days. I think sometimes the farmers' markets are seen as a luxury or a trendy thing to do, but we serve an amazing number of people and get the freshest possible food on the plates of Alaskans. Our little Homer Farmers' Market has over a thousand visitors a day. Thank you for introducing HCR1.

Marsha Rouggly
Homer Farmers' Market President

Darrell Breese

To: Mary Sullivan
Subject: RE: FBA Supports HCR01

From: Mary Sullivan [<mailto:msullivan@foodbankofalaska.org>]
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2013 6:35 PM
Subject: FBA Supports HCR01

Greeting Representative Bill Stoltze,

I would like to write and express Food Bank of Alaska's strong support of HCR01. At Food Bank of Alaska we believe that no one deserves to be hungry. We have fought tirelessly for the approximately 105,000 hungry Alaskans to find private sector solutions and work to maximize the efficiency and accountability and impact of available food assistance programs. But we will never find a lasting solution to the problem of hunger in Alaska if we are not working together with all our food supply and distribution stakeholders. That's why Food Bank of Alaska joined the over 200 Alaskans working with the Alaska Food Policy Council (AFPC), including stakeholders from the farming, fishing, business, health, and environmental conservation sectors of our state. We joined because of our shared concerns about the many food challenges we face, and we are looking for a way to tackle them in a comprehensive way. Some of these challenges include:

- **Businesses** see that over a billion dollars a year that Alaskans spend on food is being exported to communities in the lower 48. These "food dollars" could be staying right here in our communities, putting people to work.
- **Health professionals** see skyrocketing rates of obesity, and deaths from diet-related disease, like diabetes, heart disease, and cancer. Families and food safety advocates are worried about death and illness from contaminated food.
- **Teachers** see kids in school performing poorly because they are hungry or eating too many empty calories and junk food.
- **Families** in communities with high fuel prices are forced to choose between paying for heat or for food, and food is losing.

We are excited that HCR01 has been introduced and strongly support the formation of a food resources and development working group to help address Alaska's food supply and food security challenges. Thank you,

Mary Sullivan

Director of Advocacy & Agency Relations

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Email: msullivan@foodbankofalaska.org

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Last year, with just a click, 1,200 Alaskans helped FBA acquire 365,000 lbs of food! Pick.Click.Give for FBA in 2013, let's make the new year a tough one for hunger in Alaska!

Darrell Breese

From: Marty <marty_langlois@lksd.org>
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2013 11:35 AM
To: Darrell Breese
Subject: re support for HCR01

Dear Representative Stolze,

My name is *Marty Langlois* (*Bethel Lions Club Food Bank*), and I am writing to express my strong support of HCR01. The vision of the AFPC and our Bush Bethel Lions Club is healthy, secure food systems that feed all Alaskans and its mission is to improve our food systems for the benefit of all Alaskans, and I believe that HCR01 would enable us to accomplish our mission more effectively in our state. This resolution would allow us to see more collaboration between the many interests involved in our state's food supply chain and thereby help us accomplish a more efficient, sustainable, and effective food resource development policy for Alaska that works for *all* Alaskans.

I am pleased to see the Alaska State Legislature support the work of the Alaska Food Policy Council and encourage the Governor to establish a new state food resource development working group. The primary goal of the new working group -- **producing more locally grown and harvested food items to be consumed in Alaska, by Alaskans** -- supports several of the goals of the AFPC. The Alaska Food Policy Council looks forward to collaborating with the new working group and all the state agencies involved in our food system to address Alaska's critical food challenges.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony to the committee.

P.S. I've been involved in our Bethel Lions Club Food Bank for 15 years and what used to arrive in variety and mass, now has dwindled to a mere shadow of past plenty. Yet, we served 95 families in January and they came with the temp near -20 and many paying the \$5 cab fare each way. There is a great need to address the most basic needs of the poor out here and in all of ALASKA, but the Bush has its poverty as well as the road system communities. Just to get the food from the airport to our Food Bank, we use private vehicles. My Caravan's suspension, now shot, resembles an upside down "U". One reality of our plight out here. But it is the poor who suffer and with prices in the Bush rising for everything, we need all the State support we can get to even meagerly get what food we can to those in need. Quyana, Marty Langlois, Bethel Lions Club P.o. Box 646, Bethel, AK 99559

Darrell Breese

To: Scott Gruhn
Subject: RE: In support of HCR01

From: Scott Gruhn [<mailto:sgruhn@alaska.com>]
Sent: Saturday, January 26, 2013 8:36 AM
Subject: In support of HCR01

Hello ~

I'm writing to support HCR01. I am an engineer in Anchorage; my only ties to the issue of food security are that I'm an Alaskan who eats and who cares about others.

Alaska needs greater food security, and HCR01 is the ideal next step in that direction. There are obvious benefits to food security, such as the old adage that every country (or region) is only three meals away from revolution. Here in Alaska, we are at risk of substantial earthquakes and volcanoes, which can completely block transportation and isolate us, just when we are at the moment of greatest need. We are so remote from the rest of the continent that such isolation could claim many lives.

There are other, less obvious benefits to pursuing greater food security, too, such as increased job opportunities, especially in rural Alaska where food costs are at their highest and employment opportunities are at their lowest.

Please do everything in your power to ensure passage of HCR01.

Thank you.

Scott Gruhn,
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cell: 907-632-8626

Attention: Darrel Bruese ☺
465-4928

Dean Hamburg

Subject: FW: Testimony Support - HCR01 Dean Hamburg - Alaska School Nutrition Association

ALASKA SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION-- AKSNA

TO: Honorable Representative Bill Stolze
FROM: Dean Hamburg-Public Policy and Legislative Chair-Alaska School Nutrition Association

Subject: Testimony-Support for HCR01 -Food Security

Please know I am prepared to call in on Tuesday 1/31/2013 11:15 AM with a commitment to share the following support for HCR01.

907-714-8830 Office 907-420-7443 Cell

My name is Dean Hamburg and I serve as Public Policy and Legislative Chair for the Alaska School Nutrition Association.

I also serve as Administrator for the 83 USDA school meals programs sponsored by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

Please know President Ann Pennington for the Alaska School Nutrition Association, shares AKSNA support for HCR01, as a step toward improved food security for Alaska families.

Any effort to bring a greater availability of more Alaska/ local sourced and/or processed foods is a good thing for Alaska's children and adults.

Those of us responsible for producing the millions of school meals provided to Alaska students each year, welcome any effort to increase the ability of Alaska food producing entities to meet the growing demand for school meal programs.

As approximately 43% of Alaska Families qualify for free or reduced priced USDA school meals, those of us challenged with meeting this need for school food supply, too much depend on sourcing foods from outside of Alaska.

We very much welcome the actions & effort represented in HCR01 as a positive step toward bringing quality foods and increased quantities of Alaska foods to Alaska children served by school meal programs across Alaska.

In school meal programs, our mission is nutrition to Alaska's children. Any actions for improved support to Alaska food security is encouraged.

HCR01 is a meaningful helpful step toward that food security to Alaska's children.

Thank you for your kind consideration of HCR01.

Dean Hamburg 1/29/13

Dean Hamburg – Public Policy and Legislative Chair- - Alaska School Nutrition Association
P.O. Box 2546
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

907-714-8830

Sponsored by: Mayor DeVilbiss
Adopted: 02/19/13

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 13-027**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.1, THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A STATE FOOD RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP.

WHEREAS, in 2007, the United States Department of Agriculture reported that residents of the State spend \$1,500,000,000 annually on food; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that less than five percent of the food consumed in the State is produced locally; and

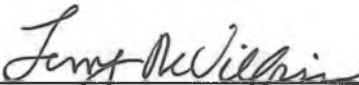
WHEREAS, the Governor has made economic development and food security critical priorities for the State; and

WHEREAS, the State's food distribution system has been disrupted in the past and remains vulnerable to disruption in the future; and

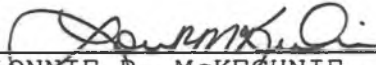
WHEREAS, increasing the amount consumers in the State spend on local food products would help drive economic development in the State's agriculture, fisheries, and wild seafood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly supports the adoption of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 19 day
of February, 2013.


LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk
(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Keogh, Woods, Arvin, Colligan, Salmon,
Colver, and Halter

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF DARREN SNYDER,
MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, ALASKA FOOD POLICY COUNCIL,
BEFORE THE HOUSE FINANCE RESOURCE COMMITTEE, ALASKA LEGISLATURE,
LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON HCR 241, A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE
ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A STATE FOOD RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
WORKING GROUP

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FEBRUARY 29 March 1, 2012

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF DARREN SNYDER, MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, ALASKA FOOD POLICY COUNCIL, BEFORE THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, ALASKA LEGISLATURE, LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON HCR 24, A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A STATE FOOD RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP
FEBRUARY 29, 2012

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Mr. House Resource Committee Co-Chairman, members of the Committee, my name is Darren Snyder. I am a member of the governing board of the Alaska Food Policy Council and an Extension Agent with the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I am here to testify in strong support of HCR 241. This resolution recognizes the importance to all Alaskans of developing a strong and secure food system that can provide jobs, support healthy communities, and increase food security to feed the hungry and insulate us from potential disruptions along the food supply chain.

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Over 130 Alaskans representing federal and state agencies, tribal entities, university programs, farmers, fisheries, food systems businesses, and health and hunger agencies have joined the Alaska Food Policy Council (AFPC) because of their concerns of the many food challenges we face, and are looking for a way to tackle them in a comprehensive way. Some of these challenges include:

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~~We are pleased to see that the following state agencies are identified to work with the proposed state food resource working group: the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Game, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Department of Health and Social Services, Department of Education and Early Development, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, and the University of Alaska. However, we respectfully recommend that the Department of Environmental Conservation also be included in this group of agencies because of the key role it plays in many critical elements of our food system.~~

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony to the committee.

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Lela F. Klingert
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February 22, 2013

Representative Eric A. Feige
Co-Chairman, Resource Committee
Alaska House of Representatives
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Representative Dan Saddler
Co-Chairman, Resource Committee
Alaska House of Representatives
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

HCR1 SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Feige and Chairman Saddler:

This is to express enthusiastic support for the substance and purposes of HCR1, and to urge its timely adoption. At CFAB, we have been gradually becoming aware of the trends and the opportunities in relatively small-scale agricultural production in Alaska, and in particular that which is oriented toward domestic consumption. We are aware, also, that it is an activity whose features and risk characteristics are not likely to draw significant interest from conventional private lenders. With that in mind, we have coincidentally, taken steps to seek amendments to AS44.81 – the “CFAB Statute”- in Sections 2,3, and 4 of SB61 and HB121. While passage of that legislation by itself will open pathways to financial services for small-scale agricultural production, it would seem that the concurrent adoption of HCR1 would not only further the “common good” aspects of the matter, but would create opportunities for flexibility in financing for both producers and commercial consumers.

We would be most happy to respond to questions from, or to engage in discussion with, any member or body of the Alaska State Legislature about the merits of HCR1.

Very truly yours,

Alan D. Otness, Chairman

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Representative Bill Stoltze
State Capitol Room 515
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Dear Representative Stoltze,

I wish to express my thanks and strong support of HCR01. As Executive Director of the Alaska Botanical Garden, I commonly work with Alaskan farmers, gardeners, schools, and community agencies on education and research projects and initiatives – and I am acutely aware of the need to improve the food systems in Alaska in order to provide more local, healthy, and secure food to the Alaskan public.

I believe that HCR01 would promote greater communication, collaboration, and coordination between the various segments of Alaska's food supply chain – subsequently producing more sustainable and appropriate food policies for our state.

We are confident that these efforts will help to solve the issues we see when we bring gardening education into the schools to teach children “where their food comes from” - ironically, there seem to be prohibitions on allowing the children to “eat what they sow”. We can teach Alaskan children how to plant carrot seeds, but it is frustrating to then see the school serve them pre-packaged snacks shipped in from Outside rather than Alaskan carrots.

I am very grateful for the work of the Alaska Legislature in support of the Alaska Food Policy Council, and for working to establish a new state food resource development working group. I believe I echo the sentiment of many of Alaska's farmers, gardeners, and public consumers when saying that we would like to see more Alaskan-grown and harvested food items be made available to the public - and development of policies to encourage distributors, stores, schools, and restaurants to utilize Alaskan-sourced produce and other food products.

The Alaska Botanical Garden is happy to help however we can in terms of education, research, and in raising public awareness of Alaska's agricultural and horticultural resources to promote greater food security and public health. Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of HCR01, and thank you so much for your efforts on behalf of Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Julianne McGuinness
Executive Director
Alaska Botanical Garden

February 28, 2013

Dear Representative Stolze:

My name is Jennifer Mac Donald and I am a member of our local food cooperative in Sitka, AK. I am writing to express my strong support of HCR01. This resolution recognizes the importance to *all* Alaskans of developing a strong and secure food system that can **provide jobs, support healthy communities, and increase food security to feed the hungry and insulate us from potential disruptions along the food supply chain.**

I am pleased to see the Alaska State Legislature encourage the Governor to establish a new state food resource development working group. The primary goal of the new working group -- **producing more locally grown and harvested food items to be consumed in Alaska, by Alaskans** -- will create an even stronger local food movement for Alaska because of the movement's support from our legislature. Sitka's interest in local foods spans from our Fish to Schools program, our farmers markets, our community garden, food cooperative, local businesses that rely on wild crafting and foraging, and most notably our community supported fishery from the most sustainable fisheries in the country. Alaska has so much potential to take the lead in creating infrastructure for local foods. This working group will set the standard for the country. Lets make it happen!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony to the committee.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Mac Donald
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CC'ed:

Representative Feige	Representative Seaton
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Darrell Breese

From: Linda Swarner <kpfoodbanked@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 5:04 PM
To: Rep. Bill Stoltze
Subject: HCRO1

Representative Stolze,

Thank you for introducing this resolution which affects thousands of Alaskans throughout the State of Alaska. The special food resources and development workgroup would play an important part in assisting antihunger groups helping hungry Alaskans of all ages. The coordination of groups working on food security issues in Alaska will help everyone!! A strong and secure food system provides jobs and supports healthy communities!!!

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Linda Swarner

Executive Director

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Darrell Breese

From: Leah Walsh <lkwalsh@alaska.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 1:25 PM
To: Darrell Breese
Subject: Written Support: HCR01

Dear Representative Stolze,

My name is Leah Walsh, Bethel-based member of the Alaska Food Policy Council, and I am writing to express my strong support of HCR01. The vision of the AFPC is healthy, secure food systems that feed all Alaskans and its mission is to improve our food systems for the benefit of all Alaskans, and I believe that HCR01 would enable us to accomplish our mission more effectively in our state. This resolution would allow us to see more collaboration between the many interests involved in our state's food supply chain and thereby help us accomplish a more efficient, sustainable, and effective food resource development policy for Alaska that works for *all* Alaskans.

I am pleased to see the Alaska State Legislature support the work of the Alaska Food Policy Council and encourage the Governor to establish a new state food resource development working group. The primary goal of the new working group -- **producing more locally grown and harvested food items to be consumed in Alaska, by Alaskans** -- supports several of the goals of the AFPC. The Alaska Food Policy Council looks forward to collaborating with the new working group and all the state agencies involved in our food system to address Alaska's critical food challenges.

Being a rural Alaskan resident, I see great potential for this legislation to help our state develop a sustainable food system that meets the needs of all Alaskans.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony to the committee.

Sincerely,

Leah Walsh

Alaska Food Policy Council Member

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Linda Hay

From: Mary Sullivan <msullivan@foodbankofalaska.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2013 1:31 PM
To: Rep. Eric Feige
Subject: Food Bank of Alaska Supports HCR01

Good afternoon, Rep. Feige,

I know that the House Resources Committee will have a hearing for this resolution on Friday at 1PM, but I will be flying to DC during that hearing. Therefore, I would like to write and express Food Bank of Alaska's strong support of HCR01. At Food Bank of Alaska we believe that no one deserves to be hungry. We have fought tirelessly for the approximately 105,000 hungry Alaskans to find private sector solutions and work to maximize the efficiency and accountability and impact of available food assistance programs. But we will never find a lasting solution to the problem of hunger in Alaska if we are not working together with all our food supply and distribution stakeholders. That's why Food Bank of Alaska joined the over 200 Alaskans working with the Alaska Food Policy Council (AFPC), including stakeholders from the farming, fishing, business, health, and environmental conservation sectors of our state. We joined because of our shared concerns about the many food challenges we face, and we are looking for a way to tackle them in a comprehensive way. Some of these challenges include:

- **Businesses** see that over a billion dollars a year that Alaskans spend on food is being exported to communities in the lower 48. These "food dollars" could be staying right here in our communities, putting people to work.

- **Health professionals** see skyrocketing rates of obesity, and deaths from diet-related disease, like diabetes, heart disease, and cancer. Families and food safety advocates are worried about death and illness from contaminated food.

- **Teachers** see kids in school performing poorly because they are hungry or eating too many empty calories and junk food.

- **Families** in communities with high fuel prices are **forced to choose between paying for heat or for food**, and food is losing.

We are excited that HCR01 has been introduced and strongly support the formation of a food resources and development working group to help address Alaska's food supply and food security challenges. Thank you,

Mary Sullivan

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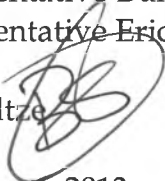
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Memorandum

TO: Representative Dan Saddler, Co-Chair House Resource Committee
Representative Eric Feige, Co-Chair House Resource Committee

FROM: Bill Stoltze 

DATE: February 4, 2013

RE: Hearing request for HCR 1 – “Relating to the establishment and operation of a state food resource development working group.”

I request that HCR 1 be calendared for a hearing before the House Resources Committee at the earliest possible time. I appreciate your consideration of this resolution dealing with Alaska’s abundant food resources.

Attached is a sponsor statement, and a copy of the legislation for consideration.

Contact my staff member Darrell Breese (465-4958) for additional information.