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## MEMORANDUM

Date: February 13, 2014  
To: Representative Bob Lynn, House State Affairs Chair  
From: Representative Bob Herron   
RE: HJR 24, Arctic Council

I respectfully request that **HJR 24**, "Urging the United States Department of State to consider the priorities of the state while it holds the position of chair of the Arctic Council; requesting that the United States Department of State work in partnership with state officials to appoint a chair of the Arctic Council; and supporting the strategic recommendations of the January 30, 2014, preliminary report of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission" **be scheduled for a hearing in the House State Affairs Committee.**

This resolution asks the Legislature to support the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission's strategic recommendation in their January 30, 2014 preliminary report to: "Continue to pursue, and actively expand, all avenues of participation in the Arctic Council, including involvement in Working Groups and by building partnerships with Permanent Participants," and asks the U.S. Department of State to consider Alaska's priorities during its Arctic Council Chairmanship beginning in 2015, and to consult Alaskan officials before appointing an individual to lead the Arctic Council.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact myself or my staff Graham Judson at 465.4942.

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