

**HCR 1**

**SCR 1**

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# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Sen. Cathy Giessel, Chair  
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## Senate Resources Committee Joint Meeting with House Resources Committee

Butrovich Room 205  
Monday, March 11, 2013  
3:30-5:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

- SB 54 Extend Hair Crab & Scallop Limited Entry
  
- HB 36 Exempt Discharges From Use of Munitions
  
- SCR 1 State Food Resource Development Group

Teleconference

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## Senator Click Bishop

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Giessel, Chair Senate Resources

FROM: Sen. Click Bishop

DATE: February 18, 2013

RE: Calendar Request for SCR 1 "Relating to the establishment and operation of a state food resource development working group."

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By this memorandum, I request that SCR 1 be calendared for a hearing by the Senate 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, supporting material and a copy of the legislation for consideration.

Contact my staff member Brittany Hutchison (465-2327) for additional information.

**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 2/11/13

FURTHER: RULES

Date of 5-Day Notice: 3/7/13  
 (in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED  
 IN TO OFFICE: 3/11/13

**Resources Committee** considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

**SCR 1-STATE FOOD RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

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

and recommends:

- be replaced with CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)  Same Title  New Title
- adopt previous CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)  Same Title  New Title
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

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ADM	LWF
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CRT	MVA
EED	DNR
DEC	DPS
DFG	REV
GOV	DOT
DHS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
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PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>[Signature]</i>	MICCICHE	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i>	BISHOP	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i>	McBride	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i>	FAIRCLOUGH	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i>	Dyson	✓			
CHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>	Gressel	✓			

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## Senator Click Bishop

### *Sponsor Statement Senate Concurrent Resolution 1*

With passage of SCR1 the legislature would call on 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 direct multiple agencies within his administration to work closely with the working group and the independent Food Policy Council to increase the production and consumption of local food items in Alaska.

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

Given Alaska's remote location, far at the end of the food supply chain, it is crucial to maintain a robust, strong and sustainable source of locally grown and nutritious foods.

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 farmers, fisherman, cattle ranchers and shellfish growers to produce more locally grown food products for local markets.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Bill Version SCR 1  
 Fiscal Note Number 1  
 ( ) Publish Date 3/7/2013

Identifier (file name) SCR 1-LEG-03-07-2013 Dept. Affected Legislature  
 Title State Food Resource Development Working Group Appropriation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allocation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor Senator Bishop  
 Requester \_\_\_\_\_ OMB Component Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

	FY14 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY14 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>FUND SOURCE</b>		(Thousands of Dollars)						
1002	Federal Receipts							
1003	GF Match							
1004	GF							
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1037	GF/MH (UGF)							
1178	temp code (UGF)							
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>POSITIONS</b>								
Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>							

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY13) operating costs \_\_\_\_\_ (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY14) costs \_\_\_\_\_ (separate capital appropriation required)  
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**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? \_\_\_\_\_ Discuss details in analysis section.

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Prepared by Sharon Long, Committee Aide  
 Division \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved by Senator Cathy Gleasel  
Senate Resources Committee

Phone 465-4843  
 Date/Time 3/7/13 2:50 PM  
 Date 3/7/2013

**FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS**

**STATE OF ALASKA  
2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO. SCR 1**

**Analysis**

There is no fiscal impact as a result of passage of this resolution.

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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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 group and the independent Food Policy Council 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 with the Alaska Food Policy Council 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.

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version CSHCR 1(EDT)  
Fiscal Note Number 1  
(H) Publish Date 2/1/2013

Identifier (file name) CSHCR1(EDT)-LEG-01-31-2013 Dept. Affected Legislature  
Title State Food Resource Development Working Group Appropriation \_\_\_\_\_  
Allocation \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Representative Stoltze  
Requester House Economic Development Trade and Tourism OMB Component Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Prepared by Ginger Blaisdell, Staff to (H)EDTT Committee Phone 907-465-5265  
Division Alaska State Legislature Date/Time 1/31/13 12:00 AM  
Approved by Representative Shelley Hughes Date 1/31/2013

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #1

STATE OF ALASKA  
2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHCR 1(EDT)

**Analysis**

There is no fiscal impact as a result of passage of this resolution.

**Brittany Hutchison**

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**From:** Ruth McHenry <cca@coppervalleyak.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 15, 2013 4:05 PM  
**To:** Sen. Click Bishop  
**Cc:** Peter Feilman; John Manly; Michael Smith; Brittany Hutchison  
**Subject:** local foods

Dear Senator Bishop,

Many thanks for your interest in and support for "healthy, affordable, and culturally appropriate foods" for Alaskans! My husband and I are just home gardeners, but we have friends who sell their produce through CSAs or at farmers' markets. They all have to have additional sources of income, because they are competing with "Outside" foods.

Ruth McHenry

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Ruth McHenry  
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**Brittany Hutchison**

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**From:** Milli <millimom@xyz.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 18, 2013 3:53 PM  
**To:** Sen. Click Bishop  
**Cc:** Brittany Hutchison  
**Subject:** SCR 1

Dear Senator Bishop,

Thank you for sponsoring SCR1 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 SCR1.

Thank you.

Sincerely

  
Milli Martin

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**Bryce Wrigley, President**  
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**Jane Hamilton, Executive Director**  
[ianehamilton99737@yahoo.com](mailto:ianehamilton99737@yahoo.com)

Dear Senator Bishop,

Thank you for introducing SCR01 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.

Over-regulation and a lack of vision frustrate farmers and ranchers and hinder 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. We believe implementation of SCR01 would help develop a local sustainable food system by coordinating and focusing the resources of several agencies on the mission of providing food for Alaskans.

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. A strong local food system will benefit the economy of the state by billions of dollars in economic activity if properly managed.

We urge the senate to support and pass SCR01. We also urge its support and implementation by the Governor.

Sincerely,

**Bryce Wrigley**  
President, Alaska Farm Bureau



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*"Protecting the natural environment of  
the Tongass while supporting the  
development of sustainable  
communities in Southeast Alaska – since  
1967."*

Dear Senator Bishop,

My name is Tracy Gagnon and I am writing to express my strong support of SCR01 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 SCR01, 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  
Sitka Conservation Society*

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## **Brittany Hutchison**

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**From:** Mary Sullivan <msullivan@foodbankofalaska.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2013 1:10 PM  
**To:** Brittany Hutchison; Sen. Click Bishop  
**Cc:** daniel.consenstein@ak.usda.gov; Nick Moe; Alaska Food Coalition; Michael Miller  
**Subject:** Support for SCR1 - Food Bank of Alaska

Dear Senator Bishop,

My name is Mary Sullivan and I am the Director of Advocacy and Agency Relations for Food Bank of Alaska. I am writing to express Food Bank of Alaska's strong support for SCR1. 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 both private and public. 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 SCR01 has been introduced by Senator Bishop 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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*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!*



# Catholic Social Services

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February 19, 2013

Senator Click Bishop  
State Capitol Room 115  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Bishop,

Catholic Social Services (CSS) supports Senate Concurrent Resolution 1 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  
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19 February 2013

**RE: Letter of Support for SCR 1 Establishment and operation of a state food resource development working group**

Dear Senator Bishop:

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".

Michele Brown  
President

**LIVE UNITED..**

## Brittany Hutchison

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**From:** Marty <marty\_ianglois@lksd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 18, 2013 2:28 PM  
**To:** Brittany Hutchison  
**Subject:** Re: Alaska State Food Resource Development Working Group

Hi Brittany: If you feel my voice would be helpful that would be fine. However, we are off next week from school(home Ph. 907-543-4262) and I'll be at Grand Jury on the remaining Thursdays of Feb. Thanks and best to Sen. Bishop on this bill. Marty Langlois, Bethel.

Dear Senator Bishop:

Feb. 18, 2013

My name is *Marty Langlois(Bethel Lions Club Food Bank)*, and I am writing to express my strong support of SCR1. 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 SCR1 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 '93 Caravan's suspension, now shot, resembles an upside down "U". Just one reality of our plight out here. However, 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 obtain whatever food we can for those in need. Quyan, Marty Langlois, Bethel Lions Club P.O. Box 646, Bethel, AK 99559, 907-543-4300msg.. Work: 907-543-4440, ext. 3217.

## **Brittany Hutchison**

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**From:** Lisa Sadleir-Hart <sitkalocalfoodsnetwork@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2013 12:01 PM  
**To:** Sen. Click Bishop  
**Cc:** Brittany Hutchison  
**Subject:** SCR1 support

Dear Senator Bishop,

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 SCR01. 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 SCR01 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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**Board Members, Cathy Liser, Maybelle Filler and one vacant seat**

**Brittany Hutchison**

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**From:** Dean Hamburg <DHamburg@kpbsd.k12.ak.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2013 4:33 PM  
**To:** Brittany Hutchison  
**Subject:** SCR 1 Support Alaska School Nutrition Association Dean Hamburg

**Honorable State Senator Click Bishop**

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**2/20/2013**



**SCR 1 support- ALASKA SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION**

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 meal programs sponsored by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

Please know President Bob Eason for the Alaska School Nutrition Association, shares AKSNA support for SCR 1, as a step toward improved food security for Alaska families.

Any effort to bring a greater availability of more local Alaska 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.

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Dean Hamburg

Public Policy and Legislative Chair- - Alaska School Nutrition Association

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## **Alaska Salmon Alliance**

*"Working For Alaska's Salmon Future Today"*

P.O. Box 586 Kenai, Alaska, 99611



February 20, 2013

Senator Click Bishop  
State Capitol, Rm 115  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

**Re: Support for SCR 1, a resolution relating to the establishment and operation of a state food resource development working group that embraces Alaskan self-sufficiency in food production, while insuring food security for Alaskans**

Dear Senator Bishop:

The Alaska Salmon Alliance (ASA), a not-for-profit trade association established in 2011, is comprised of commercial fishermen and seafood processing companies, focused on collaborative activities that will encourage sustainability of Cook Inlet salmon fisheries. The ASA advocates for and promotes salmon policies resulting in long term opportunities and benefits to Alaskan coastal communities for future generations.

The ASA is aware of Governor Parnell's efforts to improve food security, self-sufficiency in food production and a to create a reserve of food supplies in the event of the disruption of food distribution. With only 5 percent of food consumed in Alaska being derived from Alaska sources, there is a great deal of room for improvement if Alaska is to become self-sufficient in food production. It is a known fact that retail food supplies will last less than a week if the transportation links are cut-off by some sort of mishap or disaster. It is for this reason that Governor Parnell has initiated food warehousing across the state. As envisioned in HCR 1, the new resource development working group will be working with the Alaska Food Policy Council and State agencies, ADFG, DOC, DSHS, and the Dept. of Education and Early Development to improve public access to healthy, affordable, culturally appropriate Alaska produced seafood, produce, vegetables and meats. Of particular interest to the ASA will be the mission of the "Dept. of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to work with the state food resource development working group to develop marketing and promotional programs to enhance and identify new and expanded opportunities for residents of the state in food production, food processing, and food distribution services."

ASA sees that SCR 1 envisions a collaboration between industry, communities and state government agencies to achieve overall sustainable food production and food security, utilizing as much as possible, products produced in-state by Alaskans, that will encourage economic development.

Sincerely,

Arni Thomson, Executive Director 907.929.0388 [accrabak@earthlink.net](mailto:accrabak@earthlink.net)

**Brittany Hutchison**

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**From:** Dean Hamburg <DHamburg@kpbsd.k12.ak.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2013 4:33 PM  
**To:** Brittany Hutchison  
**Subject:** SCR 1 Support Alaska School Nutrition Association Dean Hamburg

**Honorable State Senator Click Bishop**

State Capitol Room 115  
Juneau AK, 99801  
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**2/20/2013**



**SCR 1 support- ALASKA SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION**

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 meal programs sponsored by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

Please know President Bob Eason for the Alaska School Nutrition Association, shares AKSNA support for SCR 1, as a step toward improved food security for Alaska families.

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**From:** D. Robbins <[drobbins.r@gmail.com](mailto:d Robbins.r@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2013 6:22 PM  
**To:** Sen. Click Bishop  
**Subject:** Support for HCR 1 supporting locally grown food

Senator Bishop,

I agree that Alaska must encourage locally grown food and agriculture as well as realistically understand and prepare in the event that we could have our supply chain cut even for a short time.

We can do so much more to improve local agriculture and preserve local wild food products. So many do not realize that so much will grow here if proper methods are used.

Education is part of that. The local Extension Services are doing a great job but may need more support.

Sincerely,

Doris Robbins

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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.**

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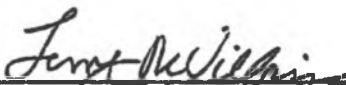
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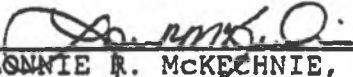
WHEREAS, increasing the amount consumers in the State spend on local food products would help drive economic development in the State's agriculture, fisheries, and wild seafood.

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 DeWIT, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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

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2/28/13

RE: SCR1

Senator Click Bishop  
State Capitol Room 115  
Juneau AK, 99801

Senator Bishop,

We are very pleased to support your resolution, SCR1, as we feel locally grown and stored food is not only healthier for us, but also supports the local economy. Being at the end of the road, food security and availability is also of critical importance. It only takes one bridge washing out on the Alcan Highway to drive prices up and reduce availability. As fuel prices rise into the future and transportation costs with them, eating locally is only going to grow more attractive with time. Thank you for bringing this issue to the attention of the Governor and the public for discussion. We support this resolution and its intent.

Jim Sackett, CEO/President  
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March 4, 2013

The Honorable Click Bishop  
Alaska State Senator  
State Capitol Room 115  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Bishop,

I am writing this letter in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1, for the establishment and operation of a state food development working group. I applaud the Governor for making economic development and food security a critical priority for the state.

In 2007 the United States Department of Agriculture reported that residents of the state spend \$1.5 trillion annually on food and it is estimated that less than five percent of that food is produced locally. I would like to see more Alaska Grown food sold at the local grocery stores and more access to local products. Our residents should be able to stock their pantries and freezers with enough food to carry them through any emergency.

I also believe that we can increase the amount consumers in the state spend on local food products. It would help drive economic development in the state's agriculture, fisheries, and wild seafood production sectors. Having access to fresh and nutritious local food products would promote and contribute to healthier lifestyles for Alaskans.

If you would like to discuss the matter further, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry DeVilbiss".

Larry DeVilbiss  
Borough Mayor

LD/r

*Providing Outstanding Borough Services to the Matanuska-Susitna Community.*

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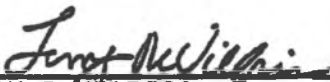
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**From:** Milli [<mailto:millimom@xyz.net>]

**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2013 9:32 AM

**To:** Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Fred Dyson; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Click Bishop; 'Senator.'; Sen. Anna Fairclough; Sen. Hollis French

**Subject:** SCR 1

Dear Senator Giessel, Senator Dyson and Members of the Senate Resorces Committee,

With sincere regrets I am unable to phone in to comment at your meeting this afternoon. However, I wish to extend my strong support of SCR 1. In the 30+ years I have called Homer, Alaska home, I have seen a dramatic increase in interest to grow our foods locally. When the High Tunnels became available, it was incredible to see the interest, and the huge growth in locally grown produce available and purchased locally. Because of Alaska's isolation, it has long been a dream of the agriculture community to see the State become more self sufficient. With this proliferation of locally grown produce, with support from the state, an industry is growing. For that reason I so heartily welcome SCR 1, and the promise it offers to support the efforts of those who have gone out on limb to provide fresh foods to Alaskans.

I urge your support of this bill.

Thank you,

Milli Martin  
PO Box 2652  
Homer, Alaska 99603



March 11, 2013

Testimony for SCR-1

To the Senate Resources Committee;

It is with great pleasure that I thank Senator Click Bishop for sponsoring SCR-1 and for the opportunity to testify in strong support for the resolution. As a Cooperative Extension Agent with the University of Alaska Fairbanks, my role in Alaska is firmly based in achieving our mission which includes "providing factual and practical information while bringing Alaskans' issues and challenges to the University"

Of the many issues and challenges facing Alaskans, I am continually reminded of our relationship with food and its central role in the stability and success of every Alaskan community. Within Extension, we are working on a daily basis to support Alaskans within our Strategic Plan Goals, some of which are; 1) to promote safe and healthy foods for Alaskans that will assist in increasing Alaska's food security and decrease imported foods, 2) to enhance agricultural opportunities in Alaska, 3) promote healthy food choices among Alaskans and 4) to increase Alaskans' access to entrepreneurial opportunities.

I provide this testimony for SCR-1 with the full support of my CES Director Dr. Fred Schlutt, who is a longtime supporter of developing a food systems approach to our work in Alaska. Dr. Schlutt recognizes the work of the Alaska Food Policy Council is very similar to CES work and compliments it well. Extension is now able to more fully fulfill our mission by both participating in the Alaskan Food Policy Council and by contributing to the Councils effective support of the governor's food resource development working group.

By supporting the establishment and operation of a state food resource development working group, the Alaskan Legislature is backing up the Governors stated goals for supporting Alaskan grown food for Alaskans and providing an excellent opportunity for coordination, efficiency and more effective use and development of our Alaskan foods.

Sincerely,

Darren Snyder

UAF Cooperative Extension Agent