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ALASKA STATE SENATE



SENATOR FRED DYSON

Date: March 12, 2014


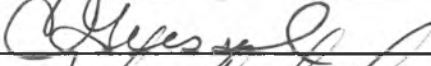
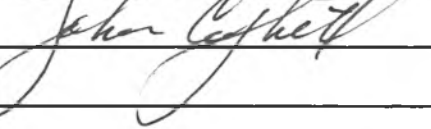
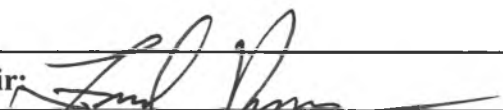
To: Senate State Affairs Committee

From: Senator Fred Dyson, Chair
Senate State Affairs Committee

Re: Request to Waive House Joint Resolution 24

Representative Bob Herron has respectfully requested that House Joint Resolution 24: *Arctic Council* be waived from the Senate State Affairs Committee. On February 4, 2014, the Committee received an overview on the Arctic Council and the Council's desire to see Alaskan interests represented while the United States holds the position of chair of the Arctic Council.

Because of this and the timeliness of sending the resolution to Washington, D.C. I believe that the request to waive SJR 24 is reasonable. Out of respect for the entire Committee, I would like your input if you feel that we should not waive this resolution from Committee. Please sign in the area below if you believe that this resolution should be waived.

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FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

DATE: 3/12/14
TO: State Affairs Committee
(Joshua, Room 121)
FROM: Office of the Senate Secretary
SUBJ: Referral Change

The Chair of the Committee noted above has waived the referral(s) on the following bills(s):

RETRIEVE

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24(STA)

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 recommendation of the January 30, 2014, preliminary report of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission.

Please give the bill file(s) to the page delivering this message for forwarding to the next Committee of referral.

Thank you.

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Sponsor Statement

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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."

It is important that Alaska and the United States priorities for the Arctic Council chairmanship align. HJR 24 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. The resolution also 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".

In December 2012, Governor Parnell proposed four sensible priorities for the State Department's consideration for the United States to concentrate on during its Arctic Council Chairmanship: creating jobs and economic opportunity for Arctic residents; suicide prevention; developing safe and sustainable sanitation facilities for smaller, isolated Arctic communities; and safe, secure, reliable maritime shipping. The Legislature will work with the Governor and the U.S. Department of State to address these and other Alaskan priorities during the U.S. Chairmanship of the Arctic Council.

HJR 24 also asks that the United States Department of State "work in partnership with state officials to appoint a chair of the Arctic Council." It's Alaska's geographic location that makes the U.S. an Arctic nation, and Alaska requests to be consulted in this appointment that will so greatly affect her future.

And finally, should HJR 24 be approved by both Houses, the Legislature would formally be on record as supporting the strategic recommendations of the January 30, 2014, preliminary report of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission, including in particular continuing 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."

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version CSHJR 24(STA)
 Fiscal Note Number 1
 (H) Publish Date 2/28/14

Identifier (file name) HJR24-LEG-SESS-02-21-14 Dept. Affected Alaska Legislature
 Title Arctic Council Appropriation Legislative Operating Budget
 Allocation Session Expenses
 Sponsor Reps Herron, Edgmon, Tarr
 Requester House State Affairs OMB Component Number 782

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	FY15 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY15 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY15	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
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

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002	Federal Receipts						
1003	GF Match						
1004	GF						
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)						
1007	I/A Rcpts (Other)						
1156	Rcpt Svcs (DGF)						
		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES							

Estimated **SUPPLEMENTAL (FY14) operating costs** _____ (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated **CAPITAL (FY15) 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)

Initial Version

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

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 Date/Time 2/21/14 8:45am
 Date 2/21/2014

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #1

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Analysis

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



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The Honorable Representative Bob Lynn,
Chair, Alaska House State Affairs Committee

I appreciate the opportunity to write to you today in support of the adoption of HJR 24, supporting Alaska's importance during the United States Chairmanship of the Arctic Council from 2015 to 2017. As you know, Alaska is the only reason why the United States is an Arctic nation. At no time in the history of the modern world has a region as rich, vast, and sensitive as the Arctic become open to civilization and commerce. Securing Alaska's place in the future of the Arctic shows that we have a strong and unified voice to the world - that we are leaders in Arctic Policy. The Alaska Legislature's support of the strategic recommendations of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission (AAPC) sends a message that we are unified in our resolve to cultivate a safe, protected, and prosperous Arctic. Thank you for your consideration in voicing Alaska's place at the forefront of the Arctic frontier.

Sincerely,

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