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Sponsor Statement

HCR 10 declares the Legislature's recognition of the need for the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board and Alaska Vocational & Technical Education Center in Seward (AVTEC). It conveys support for the Alaska Maritime Workforce Industry Advisory Committee, whose guidance and leadership will be an integral component of the implementation of the Plan. HCR 10 encourages support and participation by various state agencies already tasked with the mission of workforce development and includes a goal of increasing resident hire in the maritime industry to 75% by 2020.

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CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10()

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES STUTES, Edgmon

A RESOLUTION

1 **Supporting the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Industry Advisory**
2 **Committee, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board, the Alaska Vocational Technical**
3 **Education Center in Seward, and further efforts to carry out the Alaska Maritime**
4 **Workforce Development Plan.**

5 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 **WHEREAS** the maritime industry in the state includes seafood harvesting, seafood
7 processing, vessel construction and repair, research, resource enhancement and management,
8 marine transportation and freight, and other activities or services; and

9 **WHEREAS** those services and activities have only recently become widely
10 recognized as making up a discrete maritime industry; and

11 **WHEREAS** the maritime industry in the state consists of more than 500 businesses
12 and a workforce of 68,000 persons, making the industry the largest private sector employer in
13 the state; and

14 **WHEREAS** significant economic benefits resulting directly from activity in the
15 maritime industry include, for example, the addition of \$6,750,000,000 to the state's economy

1 in 2011; and

2 **WHEREAS** significant economic benefits resulting indirectly from activity in the
3 maritime industry include, for example, the addition of \$1,000,000,000 to the state's economy
4 in 2011 from transportation spending related to the maritime industry; and

5 **WHEREAS** approximately 50 percent of persons employed in the state's maritime
6 industry are residents of the state; and

7 **WHEREAS** the number of maritime industry jobs in the state that require a high level
8 of technical and professional skill is increasing; and

9 **WHEREAS** the maritime industry in the state seeks to increase the number of state
10 residents who have the technical skills, professional skills, and motivation to succeed in the
11 maritime industry; and

12 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Industry Advisory
13 Committee was established to work with employers, state agencies, the University of Alaska,
14 and other regional and local providers of vocational education and technical training to
15 implement the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in order to succeed, the plan requires that the maritime industry,
17 educators, state government, and regional and local providers of vocational education and
18 technical training collaborate to increase the number of state residents who have the technical
19 skills, professional skills, and motivation to succeed in the maritime industry; and

20 **WHEREAS** the plan seeks to increase career awareness, workforce recruitment and
21 retention, and training in job readiness and core competencies; and

22 **WHEREAS** the plan seeks to increase professional development in emerging and
23 high-demand occupational categories, including 23 categories the plan specifically identifies;
24 and

25 **WHEREAS** the best way to carry out the plan is for the industry to lead a
26 collaboration with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the Department of
27 Education and Early Development, the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic
28 Development, the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Transportation and
29 Public Facilities, the University of Alaska, regional and local providers of vocational
30 education and technical training, Community Development Quota organizations, tribal and
31 local governments, and public and private schools; and

1 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Workforce Investment Board is assigned the task of advising
2 the state regarding plans to train and prepare Alaskans for jobs in the state in order to promote
3 growth in the state's economy; and

4 **WHEREAS** a goal of the Alaska Workforce Investment Board is to build connections
5 that place Alaskans in good jobs, and that goal keeps the board focused on developing a
6 workforce system that is useful, accessible, and understandable to businesses seeking
7 qualified workers, unemployed Alaskans searching for jobs, and employees seeking to
8 upgrade their work skills to meet demands and opportunities in a changing workplace; and

9 **WHEREAS** a goal of the Alaska Workforce Investment Board is to increase resident
10 hire to 75 percent of total hires in the maritime industry by 2020; and

11 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Maritime Training Center is approved by the United States
12 Coast Guard to offer both standard training and training tailored to the specific needs of the
13 maritime industry; and

14 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Maritime Training Center delivers training in modern
15 classrooms and with the latest training tools and technology, including a world-class ship
16 simulator and a state-of-the-art, computer-based navigational laboratory; and

17 **WHEREAS** Alaska has more coastline than the other 49 United States combined; and

18 **WHEREAS** the marine environment of the state is one of the world's most
19 challenging for the maritime industry; and

20 **WHEREAS** qualified marine captains and other qualified marine crewmembers are
21 needed to ensure the safe transport of passengers and freight and the safety of commercial
22 fishing operations in the state's navigable waters; and

23 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Vocational Technical Education Center, which is housed in
24 the joint Alaska Vocational Technical Education Center and United States Coast Guard
25 training facility in Seward, Alaska, is the foundation of maritime industry workforce delivery
26 in the state; and

27 **WHEREAS** a goal of the Alaska Maritime Training Center is to promote the safe
28 transport of passengers and freight and safe commercial fishing operations in the state's
29 navigable waters by training marine captains and other marine crewmembers for employment
30 in the maritime industry workforce in the state; and

31 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature in Legislative Resolve 36, Twenty-Seventh

1 Alaska State Legislature, identified maritime workforce development as a priority;

2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the Alaska Maritime
3 Workforce Development Plan, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board, and the Alaska
4 Vocational Technical Education Center, and calls for further collaboration between the
5 maritime industry, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the Department of
6 Education and Early Development, the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic
7 Development, the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Transportation and
8 Public Facilities, the University of Alaska, regional and local providers of vocational
9 education and technical training, Community Development Quota organizations, tribal and
10 local governments, public and private schools, and other stakeholders to implement the plan;
11 and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the Senate shall appoint a member of
13 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a member of the
14 House of Representatives, to liaison with the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development
15 Industry Advisory Committee to ensure that members of the legislature are kept informed
16 regarding implementation of the plan; and be it

17 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
18 governor to direct the commissioner of education and early development, the commissioner of
19 commerce, community, and economic development, the commissioner of fish and game, the
20 commissioner of labor and workforce development, the commissioner of transportation and
21 public facilities, and the president of the University of Alaska to collaborate with the Alaska
22 Maritime Workforce Development Industry Advisory Committee regarding implementation
23 of the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan and, by January 30, 2016, deliver a
24 report regarding that collaboration and plans for further collaboration to the Senate Secretary
25 and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and notify the legislature that the report
26 is available.

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HCR 10 Explanation of Changes, Version W to Version H

Title change to:

Supporting the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Industry Advisory Committee, Alaska Workforce Investment Board, Alaska Vocational & Technical Education Center in Seward and further efforts to carry out the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan.

Insert after line 28 on page 2:

Whereas the vision for the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (the Board) is to *"build connections that put Alaskans into good jobs."* This comprehensive vision keeps the board focused on developing a workforce system that is useful, accessible and understandable to all of the system's customers, which include businesses looking for qualified workers, unemployed Alaskans looking for jobs, and incumbent workers wanting to upgrade their skills in a changing work environment.

Whereas the Board is tasked with reviewing plans and providing recommendations to the State of Alaska to further train and prepare Alaskans for the workforce--and help grow Alaska's economy.

Whereas the Board has set a goal of increasing resident hire in the maritime industry to 75% by 2020

Whereas the Alaska Vocational and Technical Education Center (AVTEC) in Seward is the foundation of maritime workforce delivery

Whereas the Alaska Marine Training Center is housed in AVTEC-USCG Training Facility

Whereas Alaska has more coastline than all the other United States combined. Alaska's maritime environment is one of the most challenging in the world. Safely transporting passengers and freight or carrying out commercial fishing operations in Alaskan waters requires well-qualified captains and crew members.

Whereas the goal of the Alaska Maritime Training Center is to promote safe marine operations by effectively preparing captains and crew members for employment in the Alaskan maritime industry.

Whereas the Alaska Maritime Training Center is a United States Coast Guard approved training facility located in Seward, Alaska, and offers USCG/STCW compliant maritime training. In addition to the standard courses offered, customized training is available to meet the specific needs of maritime companies. Courses are delivered through

the use of our world class ship simulator, state of the art computer based navigational laboratory and modern classrooms equipped with the latest instructional delivery technologies.

page 3 line 1 Insert between “Workforce Development Plan” “and”:

“, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board, the Alaska Vocational & Technical Education Center in Seward”

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2015 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HCR 10
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: HCR010-DOLWD-CO-04-04-15
Title: MARITIME WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Sponsor: STUTES
Requester: House Fisheries

Department: Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Appropriation: Commissioner and Administrative Services
Allocation: Commissioner's Office
OMB Component Number: 340

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2016 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2016 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2016	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
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 (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 (FY2015) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 *(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? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Approved By: <u>Heidi Drygas, Commissioner</u>	Date: <u>04/04/15</u>
Agency: <u>Department of Labor and Workforce Development</u>	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HCR 10

Analysis

This resolution supports the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Industry Advisory Committee, and efforts to carry out the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan.

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development anticipated as a result of this resolution.

Alaska State Legislature

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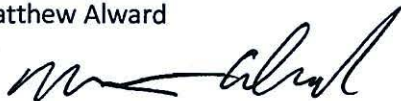
Representative Stutes,

Homer Marine Trades Association is an association of over 70 marine trades businesses from the greater Kachemak Bay area. Although we were formed primarily as a marketing association, as our businesses grew, we discovered the lack of a trained local workforce. We have since partnered with the local high school and college campus to promote career awareness and workforce development in the industry. We have two board members on the Industry Advisory Committee for the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan and are actively planning for further involvement within our community.

We strongly support HCR 10 and thank you for introducing it. We all know the importance of the marine trades to the State of Alaska; career awareness and workforce development are a key part to putting Alaskans to work in the high paying and highly skilled jobs that the marine trades industry has to offer.

Sincerely,

Matthew Alward

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Vice President Homer Marine Trades Association



ICICLE

March 31, 2015

Representative Louise Stutes, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
120 4th Street, State Capitol, Room 3
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Stutes and Committee Members,

I would like to express our strong support for the nomination of Mr. Robert Ruffner to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (Board).

Icicle Seafoods is a major seafood processing company with land plants and floating operations in and around Petersburg, Seward, Homer, Larsen Bay, Egegik, Wood River, and Unalaska/Dutch Harbor. We process crab, cod, halibut, herring, pollock, sablefish, and salmon.

We believe Mr. Ruffner will be an excellent Board member given his education, professional work, and public service experience. He resides in an area of the state with high demands and contentious issues surrounding fisheries resources and habitat. As executive Director of the Kenai Watershed Forum he has proven to be a strong advocate for the health of the waterways of the Kenai Peninsula and works diligently for habitat protection and restoration. He has demonstrated a keen ability to forge together workable solutions to complex problems while taking into consideration the science, economics, and views of competing stakeholders involved in the issues. Such skills will serve him well as a member of the Board.

We believe Mr. Ruffner has the skills, intellect, experience, and fortitude required to be a good board member. We respectfully urge you to confirm his appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,
ICICLE SEAFOODS, INC.

Kris Norosz
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Ketchikan Marine Industry Council

An Annex of the Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce

April 2, 2015

Representative Louise Stutes, Chair
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I write this letter to express the Ketchikan Marine Industry Council's support for HCR 10, "A Resolution supporting the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Industry Advisory Committee and further efforts to carry out the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan."

The Ketchikan Marine Industry Council (KMIC) is an industry-led initiative supporting growth and expansion of Ketchikan's diverse maritime economy. Our definition of "maritime" includes numerous value-added and knowledge-based sectors, including transportation, shipbuilding and repair, fishing and seafood processing, marine vendors, safety and environmental services, construction, logistics, and professional and technical services, as well as port, harbor, and energy infrastructure. KMIC is supported by funding provided by 15 private sector businesses and an economic development grant administered through the Ketchikan Gateway Borough. The organization's efforts represent and benefit over 200 marine sector businesses in the greater Ketchikan region, and we wholly support the growth and development of the marine industries throughout Southeast Alaska and across the entire state.

The expansion of the marine industries depends upon the existence of a skilled and professional workforce. We believe that the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan and the Industry Advisory Committee's intentions for implementation of this plan are sound and precisely what the maritime industry needs to increase Alaska hire and grow our state's economy in the long term. Education that is shaped by industry input is vital for lasting change, and this plan—along with the existence of an Industry Advisory Committee—is an important first step. HCR 10, its support for these efforts, and its representation of government engagement through both the legislature and various state agencies is equally laudable.

HCR 10 expresses the legislature's support for Alaskan hire, economic growth in an increasingly understood economic sector, and responsible solutions to increase wealth and revenues. For these reasons, the Ketchikan Marine Industry Council wholeheartedly supports HCR 10. Thank you for your service, and for your attention to the marine industries.

Sincerely,

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House Special Committee on Fisheries

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Representative Stutes,

I strongly support resolution HCR 10.

As a fisherman and marine trades business owner, and a member of the Industry Advisory Committee, I support the implementation of the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan. We all know the importance of the marine trades to the state of Alaska, and career awareness and workforce development are a key part to getting Alaskans to work in the many high pay and skilled jobs in the marine trades.

I want to personally thank you for introducing HCR 10 and supporting our efforts in getting Alaskans to work and helping our youth gain awareness of the possible jobs in their local communities.

Thanks and if you need anything else from Industry I'm glad to help,

Matt Alward

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20 March 2015

Representative Louise Stutes, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries
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Dear Representative Stutes,

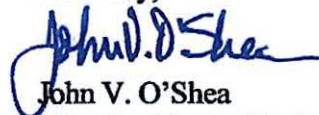
I am writing to express our Association's strong support for HCR 10, supporting the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Advisory Committee and further efforts to carry out the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan. Our Association has participated in the three year collaborative process to develop the Plan and I look forward to continuing to serve on the Industry Advisory Committee.

We have supported this initiative because we would like to see more Alaskans in our plants filling those positions requiring specialty training, skills, and experience. These are high paying jobs with many of them offering opportunity for year round employment. By better linking maritime employer labor requirements with training and workforce development entities, the Workforce Development Plan will help enable Alaskans to better compete for these types of jobs in not just seafood processing plants, but across the broader range of the maritime industry.

Adding the Legislature's voice of support, through HCR10, to this initiative will help encourage a wide range of state agencies to participate in this effort, increasing our chances for success. Creating employment opportunities for Alaskans while strengthening the economic competitiveness of Alaska's maritime industries is especially timely given the realities of the state's current fiscal situation.

We are grateful to you and Representative Edgmon for sponsoring this Resolution; thank you for doing that. Please let me know if I can provide you or your staff any further information.

Sincerely,


John V. O'Shea
Vice President - Alaska

Cc: Representative Bryce Edgmon

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