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# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### SPONSOR STATEMENT CS Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 ver. U

#### *“Proclaiming 2019 to be the Alaska Year of Innovation.”*

Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 would proclaim 2019 as the Year of Innovation in Alaska. Innovation was a constant theme throughout the first session of the 30th Alaska Legislature. Whether growing our state’s economy, harnessing technology to improve Alaskans’ quality of life, or modernizing state government in a tough fiscal environment; innovation can help address challenges facing Alaska.

Alaskans are innovators by tradition and necessity. The pioneering spirit that founded and built our state is rooted in innovation. These range from engineering marvels that built early mines, railroads and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, to public policies that have transformed life in our state such as the Alaska Permanent Fund and Community Development Quotas.

Collaboration between regional and statewide economic development groups, universities, investors, businesses and entrepreneurs has helped create an innovation community in Alaska. Aligning stakeholders around collective action helps engage the next generation of Alaskan entrepreneurs. Events such as UAF's Arctic Innovation Competition, the Innovation Summit, Alaska Startup Week, and the Launch: Alaska accelerator create an ecosystem for innovation and help bring new ideas to market.

Innovation and entrepreneurship are crucial for long-term economic development and diversifying Alaska’s economy. The National Bureau of Economic Research reports that net job creation is driven by startups -- creating an average of three million jobs annually. Alaska’s current fiscal climate calls for innovative solutions, as seen in the work of many legislative committees and formation of a bipartisan, bicameral Innovation Caucus.

Proclaiming 2019 as the Year of Innovation in Alaska raises the level of this discussion and highlights how creativity can improve our state. Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 directs the attention of Alaskans toward out-of-the-box thinking, creating a culture in Alaska where innovation and entrepreneurship are accepted and encouraged.

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### EXPLANATION OF CHANGES Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 ver. U

*“Proclaiming 2019 to be the Alaska Year of Innovation.”*

Page 1, Line 1: Changes “2018” to “2019.”

Page 3, Line 9: Changes “2018” to “2019.”

Page 1, Line 16: Adds language “Native peoples.”

Page 2, Lines 2-4: Adds language “entrepreneurs, students, artists, and all hard-working Alaskans responding to the state’s geography and climate with forward-thinking solutions; and.”

Page 2, Lines 14-15: Added “WHEREAS best practices for innovation incorporate principles that speed up economic development and reduce the risks of traditional business planning approaches; and.”

Page 2, Lines 16-21: Added “WHEREAS a Year of Innovation ‘pipeline’ has been established through collaboration between regional and statewide economic development organizations, universities, investors, business support professionals, and entrepreneurs across the state, through the use of collaborative work spaces, and through aligning events, such as the Arctic Innovation Competition, the Innovation Summit, Alaska Startup Week, and the Launch: Alaska accelerator program; and.”

Page 2, Lines 22-25: Added “WHEREAS collaborative efforts, such as Innovate Alaska 2.0, can diversify the state’s economic base by creating an entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystem, by empowering import and export business, and by engaging the next generation of Alaska entrepreneurs, ensuring that Alaskan’s great ideas have a clear pathway to market success; and.”

Page 2, Lines 26-28: Added “WHEREAS university research contributes to the development of intellectual property, interdisciplinary entrepreneurial programming and education, and effective technology transfer and is a vital component of an effective innovation ecosystem; and.”

Page 2, Lines 29-31: Added “WHEREAS a strong innovation ecosystem depends on the sponsorship and promotion of innovations by existing companies as well as the development of new industries by new strategic venters; and.”

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2018 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	CSSCR 10(STA)
Fiscal Note Number:	2
(S) Publish Date:	2/2/2018

Identifier: SCR10-LEG-LEG-01-25-18  
 Title: ALASKA YEAR OF INNOVATION  
 Sponsor: COSTELLO  
 Requester: STA

Department:  
 Appropriation:  
 Allocation:  
 OMB Component Number: 0

**Expenditures/Revenues**

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

	FY2019 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2019 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
<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>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None								
<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>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**Change in Revenues**

None								
<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>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) 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?  
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:**

Updated for 2018 Session.
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January 29, 2018

Senator Mia Costello  
State of Alaska  
Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Senator Costello,

Senate Concurrent Resolution 10, "Proclaiming 2019 to be the Alaska Year of Innovation," introduced by Senator Mia Costello, is an essential piece of legislation that promotes the idea of innovation and how it can enhance the economy. Innovation is evolving expeditiously and is constantly improving our quality of life. From technological advances, to generating new concepts and processes, innovation starts with the smallest of ideas.

Proclaiming a year of innovation inspires sectors of any economy to invent, create, and to do more with less. In an economic recession, sparking innovation is crucial to creating a sustainable environment. By creating new, contemporary solutions to problems in a community, growth and success can occur and flourish, resulting in long-term development. Collaboration between the public and private sectors of the economy creates an innovation community that is fundamental to the sustainability of any state.

I strongly urge the passage of this resolution, "Proclaiming 2019 to be the Alaska Year of Innovation," without hesitation as it will improve the lives of all Alaskans at every level of the economy.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Tucker  
CEO  
Innovation Resource Consulting Group  
Santa Barbara, California  
United States of America



# Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

**2016 - 2017  
PNWER Executive  
Committee\***

January 30, 2018

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Oregon  
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The Honorable Mia Costello  
Senator  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 504  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Costello,

On behalf of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER), I offer PNWER's strong support for "Proclaiming 2019 to be the Alaska Year of Innovation" legislation introduced in the Alaska State Senate (Senate Concurrent Resolution 10).

This proclamation will designate 2019 as the Year of Innovation in Alaska. PNWER believes the competitive landscape of the global economy, coupled with worldwide environmental challenges, is creating unprecedented demand for scientific discovery and application. The 2019 Year of Innovation will be an opportunity to address many challenges our region faces. The PNWER Innovation, Workforce, Economic Development working groups and the University Presidents' Roundtable have all identified innovation as a critical driver for economic development.

The Pacific Northwest region must channel the strengths of its many separate resources into a collaborative, comprehensive effort that maximizes the economic benefits of regional innovation. The Year of Innovation will foster regional collaboration, highlight innovation and cultivate entrepreneurship in the state. PNWER is supportive of the legislation and encourages the Alaska Legislature to proclaim 2019 as the Year of Innovation in Alaska.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Matt Morrison  
Chief Executive Officer  
PNWER



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4 February 2018

Senator Mia Costello  
State Capitol, Rm 504  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Costello:

Thank you for your efforts in sponsoring Concurrent Resolution 10 proclaiming 2019 to be the Alaska Year of Innovation. I am the Vice Chancellor for Research at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and I strongly encourage our legislature to support this resolution.

It has often been repeated that we cannot cut our way out of this down economy. We need innovation to build a stronger, more diversified, and sustainable economy. Innovation is how we can keep our best and brightest young minds in Alaska. Innovation must be a centerpiece of Alaska's future economy.

To get there, we must cultivate innovation. Many organizations around Alaska are already doing this, but proclaiming 2019 as the Year of Innovation brings additional attention and awareness of this essential path forward. As Vice Chancellor for Research, one of my duties is to oversee the Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization (OIPC). OIPC takes university research, finds ways to attract private sector interest, and then works to license or sell the innovations. OIPC fosters a culture of innovation and entrepreneurialism across our state. We welcome you to visit anytime to view the projects and programs we are promoting to help diversify and strengthen Alaska's economy.

We encourage Alaskans to support and strive to implement this resolution. We too will look for ways to collaborate with the legislature to support innovation and entrepreneurialism in Alaska. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like us to provide any assistance in these efforts.

We hope all our legislators will acknowledge the importance of aggressively moving forward in promoting a prosperous economy. Concurrent Resolution 10 is one important step in that direction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. D. Hinzman', written in a cursive style.

Larry D. Hinzman  
Vice Chancellor for Research

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*America's Arctic University*