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House Special Committee on Energy

Sponsor Statement

HCR 9

State Energy Production Working Group

House Concurrent Resolution 9 establishes in the Alaska State Legislature the Alaska Working Group on Interstate Energy Production.

This legislation was crafted in response to legislation proposed by other states that produce energy and energy resources. Alaska, along with other states, continues to experience the negative consequences from delay or cancellation of economically viable energy-related projects because federal law and federal law enforcement too often overreach the federal government's constitutional authority to make and enforce laws.

Federal law and policy, including the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act, excessively limit and interfere with production of energy and energy resources in Alaska and in other states.

HCR 9 establishes the Alaska Working Group on Interstate Energy Production to work with other state Legislatures to develop a proposal for an inter-legislature agreement that will facilitate collaboration between the Alaska State Legislature and other state legislatures in efforts to influence federal energy-related law and policy and to discourage delay or cancellation of economically viable energy-related projects in the state and in other states.

I urge your support of this important legislation.

AMENDMENT

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OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: HCR 9

BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCK

1 Page 2, line 11:

2 Delete "four"

3 Insert "six"

4 Delete "two"

5 Insert "three"

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7 Page 2, line 12:

8 Delete "two"

9 Insert "three"

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11 Page 2, following line 13:

12 Insert a new resolution section to read:

13 **"FURTHER RESOLVED** that at least one of the three senators appointed to the
14 Alaska Working Group on Interstate Energy Production shall be a member of the largest
15 minority caucus in the Senate, and at least one of the three representatives appointed to the
16 Alaska Working Group on Interstate Energy Production shall be a member of the largest
17 minority caucus in the House of Representatives; and be it"

1 **ENERGY PRODUCER STATES' AGREEMENT**

2 2011 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Roger E. Barrus**

5 Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill provides for the appointment of legislative members to participate in
10 multistate discussions involving agreements that encourage the development of
11 domestic energy resources.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

- 14 ▶ provides for the appointment of legislators to discuss creating a multistate domestic
15 energy development agreement;
- 16 ▶ specifies the goals of an agreement;
- 17 ▶ provides for a report on an energy producer states' agreement; and
- 18 ▶ provides a repeal date.

19 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

20 This bill appropriates:

- 21 ▶ to the Legislature for fiscal year 2011-12 only:
- 22 • from the General Fund, \$25,000.

23 **Other Special Clauses:**

24 This bill provides an immediate effective date.

25 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

26 AMENDS:

27 **63I-1-236**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382

28 ENACTS:

29 **36-12-20**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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31 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*32 Section 1. Section **36-12-20** is enacted to read:33 **36-12-20. Membership selection -- Agreements -- Goals -- Meetings -- Reports.**

34 (1) The speaker of the House shall appoint two members and the president of the
35 Senate shall appoint two members, of which no more than three of the four members shall be
36 from the same political party, to study and work with legislative members of other energy
37 producing states for the purpose of developing a proposed energy producer states' agreement.

38 (2) The proposed energy producer states' agreement shall have the following goals:39 (a) to encourage domestic development of energy in the United States;40 (b) to ensure the continued development of each state's domestic natural resources;41 (c) to deliver a unified message to the federal government from energy producing states42 by:43 (i) participating in the development of proposed federal legislation and regulations; and44 (ii) making recommendations regarding existing federal law and regulations including45 the following:46 (A) the Environmental Protection Act;47 (B) the Endangered Species Act; and48 (C) federal land access issues that affect the production of energy;49 (d) to eliminate or reduce overly broad federal legislation; and50 (e) to identify and address consequences of delays and cancellations of economically
51 viable energy projects.

52 (3) Appointed members shall produce a report with recommendations regarding an
53 energy producer states' agreement to the National Resources, Agriculture, and Environment
54 Interim Committee and the Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee on or before
55 October 1, 2011.

56 (4) Salaries and expenses of the appointed members may be paid in accordance with
57 Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Expenses and Mileage

58 Reimbursement for Authorized Legislative Meetings, Special Sessions, and Veto Override
 59 Sessions.

60 (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff
 61 assistance as requested.

62 Section 2. Section **63I-1-236** is amended to read:

63 **63I-1-236. Repeal dates, Title 36.**

64 (1) Section 36-12-20 is repealed June 30, 2012.

65 (2) Sections 36-26-101 through 36-26-104 are repealed December 31, 2017.

66 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

67 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the
 68 following sums of money are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated out of
 69 funds or accounts indicated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30,
 70 2012. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2012.

71 Item 1 To Legislature - Senate

72 From General Fund, One-time \$12,500

73 Schedule of Programs:

74 Administration \$12,500

75 Item 2 To Legislature - House of Representatives

76 From General Fund, One-time \$12,500

77 Schedule of Programs:

78 Administration \$12,500

79 Section 4. **Effective date.**

80 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect
 81 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
 82 Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,
 83 the date of veto override.

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0217

Production states agreement.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lubnau and Senator(s)
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the legislature; providing for
2 legislative participation to develop an energy producing
3 state agreement; specifying goals of the agreement;
4 providing an appropriation and for a report; and providing
5 for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.**

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11 (a) Two (2) members of the Wyoming house of
12 representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, and
13 two (2) members of the Wyoming senate appointed by the
14 president of the senate, shall be appointed to study and
15 work with legislative members of other energy producing

1 states to develop an Energy Producer State Agreement with
2 the following goals:

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4 (i) To encourage domestic development of energy
5 in the United States, and to ensure continued development
6 of each state's domestic natural resources;

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8 (ii) To deliver a strong, unified voice to the
9 federal government from the states that produce the energy
10 that powers the nation's economy, by providing input on and
11 participating in the development of existing and proposed
12 federal legislation and federal regulatory processes,
13 including the National Environmental Policy Act and the
14 Endangered Species Act, and federal land access issues
15 affecting the production of energy in the concerned states;

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17 (iii) To eliminate or reduce overreaching
18 federal legislation and identify and address consequences
19 that result from delays and cancellations of economically
20 viable energy projects.

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22 (b) Legislators appointed pursuant to this act shall
23 be authorized by Management Council to attend meetings as
24 the Council determines necessary to accomplish the purposes

1 of this act, and shall receive salary, per diem and mileage
2 for the performance of their duties under this act as
3 provided in W.S. 28-5-101. Appointed legislators shall
4 provide a single report to the Council not later than
5 September 1, 2011, including any suggested legislation for
6 referral to the appropriate legislative committee for
7 consideration.

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9 **Section 2.** For purposes of this act, there is
10 appropriated from the general fund fifty thousand dollars
11 (\$50,000.00) to the legislative service office. This
12 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the
13 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2012.

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15 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
16 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
17 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
18 Constitution.

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Analysis

The Alaska Working Group on Interstate Energy Production shall consist of four (4) members, with two (2) senators appointed by the President of the Senate and two (2) representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Members of the Alaska Working Group on Interstate Energy Production may meet during and between regular sessions of the Alaska State Legislature and they may travel within Alaska and to other states as necessary to accomplish their purpose. The anticipated travel costs shown above provide each member of the working group with an annual travel budget of approximately \$5.0. However, this fiscal note does not ask for an increment to fund this travel. These travel costs will be absorbed in the Legislature's "Legislative Council " RDU in the "Session Expenses" Component. The Alaska Working Group on Interstate Energy Productions will terminate January 18, 2013.