

STATE OF ALASKA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Relating to the establishment of the House Research Agency.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS many of the public policy issues and options confronting Alaska are of great complexity; and

WHEREAS decisions on them should be predicated on solid research and analysis; and

WHEREAS the Alaska State House of Representatives requires objective research to support the body in its decision making; and

WHEREAS research services should be available on a non-partisan basis to all members of the Alaska State Legislature; and

WHEREAS legislative research needs arise year-round and are not limited to those months when the body is in session; and

WHEREAS, to assure nonpartisan research, research policies for the House of Representatives should be set by a bipartisan group; and

WHEREAS, to insure objective research on a nonpartisan basis, employees performing research should be of permanent status and not subject to removal for political reasons; and

WHEREAS permanent employees of the Legislative Affairs Agency and the legislative finance and audit divisions have provided valuable legal and fiscal research for Alaska legislators;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives establishes a permanent research staff with a research director, to be known as the house research agency; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a permanent committee, composed of the speaker and the minority leader of the House of Representatives and the chairman or vice-chairman of the Legislative Council, who is a member of the House of Representatives, is established to set policies for this agency.