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Requesting the United States Congress to exclude state unemployment insurance trust funds from the federal unified budget.

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

WHEREAS state unemployment insurance funds are dedicated funds used only for the purpose of paying unemployment compensation in the state where the funds are collected; and

WHEREAS the present federal practice of including state unemployment insurance trust funds in the unified federal budget distorts analysis of net budget outlays, thus influencing spending increases or reductions in unrelated areas; and

WHEREAS no other federal program in which expenditures are so dependent on state policy and state revenue is included in the unified budget; and

WHEREAS a commitment to support the unemployment insurance program with federal funds does not require the inclusion of state unemployment insurance trust funds in the unified budget; and

WHEREAS there is no reason to believe that removal of state unemployment insurance trust funds from the unified budget would encourage irresponsible behavior on the part of individual states; and

WHEREAS, in the past, budgetary considerations have resulted in federal intervention in unemployment insurance program areas traditionally within the states' purview; and

WHEREAS budgetary considerations may result in further expansion of the federal role in the federal-state cooperative unemployment insurance program;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Congress is respectfully requested to take action to exclude state unemployment insurance trust funds from the federal unified budget.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Raymond J. Donovan, Secretary of Labor; the Honorable Robert J. Dole, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee; the Honorable Peter Domenici, Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee; the Honorable Dan Rostenkowski, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee; the Honorable James R. Jones, Chairman of the House Budget Committee; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank H. Murkowski, U.S. Senators from Alaska; the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative from Alaska; Mr. David Stockman, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Albert Angrisani, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor; the National Governors' Association; the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies; the Federal Advisory Council on Unemployment Insurance; and the National Conference of State Legislatures.