

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/3/19

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES TALERICO, Rauscher

A RESOLUTION

1 **Supporting development of the road belt electrical transmission line; and urging**
2 **members of the Alaska delegation in Congress to pursue the development of this high-**
3 **voltage electrical line in the interior of the state.**

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

5 **WHEREAS** development of the road belt electrical transmission line would create a
6 high-voltage electrical line running from Sutton to Glennallen, where a sub-transmission line
7 would extend to Gakona and on to Tok and north through the upper Tanana region to Delta
8 Junction, and the final leg of the project would run from near Delta Junction, just south of
9 Fort Greely, back to Gakona; and

10 **WHEREAS** development of the road belt electrical transmission line would support
11 infrastructure for energy, national security, economic expansion, and natural resource
12 development in the state; and

13 **WHEREAS** the Trans Alaska Pipeline System would benefit by using the low-cost
14 energy provided by the road belt electrical transmission line in the operation of the pipeline
15 and protection of its off-grid pump stations; and

1 **WHEREAS** a high-voltage electrical line would complete an electrical transmission
2 bus loop and establish a second secure path for power transmission from Anchorage to
3 Fairbanks; and

4 **WHEREAS** an electrical transmission bus loop is needed during a natural disaster,
5 such as an earthquake; and

6 **WHEREAS** there are 17 small communities in the region that rely on diesel power or
7 other expensive alternatives; and

8 **WHEREAS** development of the road belt electrical transmission line would support
9 military installations in the state, including Black Rapids Training Site, Donnelly Training
10 Area, Fort Greely, Eielson Air Force Base, and Clear Air Force Station, by providing access
11 to low-cost, reliable, redundant, and renewable energy for the defense of the state and the
12 United States; and

13 **WHEREAS** development of the road belt electrical transmission line would boost
14 economic growth and support the initiation, growth, expansion, and retention of small
15 businesses in the region by providing low-cost, reliable energy; and

16 **WHEREAS** development of the road belt electrical transmission line would benefit
17 the agricultural industry in the Delta Junction area by allowing the industry to become more
18 cost-effective and competitive and by increasing the industry's ability to expand; and

19 **WHEREAS** there is widespread support for the development of the road belt
20 electrical transmission line;

21 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the development of the
22 road belt electrical transmission line; and be it

23 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the members of the
24 Alaska delegation in Congress to pursue the development of the road belt electrical
25 transmission line, a high-voltage electrical line in the interior of the state for the purpose of
26 supporting defensive capabilities, critical military infrastructure, and the Alyeska Pipeline.

27 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President
28 of the United States; the Honorable Chuck Grassley, President pro tempore of the U.S.
29 Senate; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the
30 Honorable Patrick M. Shanahan, Acting United States Secretary of Defense; the Honorable
31 David Bernhardt, Acting United States Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Sonny Perdue,

1 United States Secretary of Agriculture; the Honorable Rick Perry, United States Secretary of
2 Energy; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators,
3 and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
4 Congress.