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## AN ACT

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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6 **WHEREAS** a third of the exclusive economic zone of the United States is along the  
7 state's coastline, and the only Arctic region in the nation lies in the state; and

8 **WHEREAS** the state's ocean economy is substantial and holds tremendous potential,  
9 with over half of the nation's seafood harvest, coastline, and renewable ocean energy  
10 potential; and

11 **WHEREAS** it is conservatively predicted that the global ocean economy will double  
12 to an estimated \$3 trillion by 2030; and

13 **WHEREAS** clusters are the engines behind more than 50 ocean industry growth  
14 initiatives underway around the world; and

15 **WHEREAS** clusters have been hugely successful elsewhere in the world, with a

1 leading example in Iceland; and

2 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Ocean Cluster promotes and expands the state's ocean  
3 economy by leveraging existing strengths while supporting innovation and emerging  
4 opportunities to diversify the state's economy, benefiting the residents of the state; and

5 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Ocean Cluster has a broad focus on the ocean economy,  
6 including ocean energy production, fisheries, and transportation, and has identified  
7 mariculture, increased fish utilization, incubation of innovative ocean-based businesses, and  
8 ocean technology research and development as current priorities; and

9 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Ocean Cluster's efforts to advance innovation and  
10 entrepreneurship in the state's ocean economy will move the entire state forward to catch up  
11 with global trends; and

12 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature has recognized the accomplishments of the  
13 Alaska Ocean Cluster since the Bering Sea Fishermen's Association launched the initiative in  
14 May 2017;

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** the Alaska State Legislature welcomes the Alaska Ocean  
16 Cluster's work toward a knowledge-based, innovative economy centered around the state's  
17 ocean resources; and be it

18 **FURTHER RESOLVED** the Alaska State Legislature supports advancing the state's  
19 ocean economy through a statewide collaborative cluster and recognizes this project as  
20 necessary, lest the state be left behind as other Arctic nations realize the potential of ocean-  
21 based economies; and be it

22 **FURTHER RESOLVED** the Alaska State Legislature recognizes the current efforts  
23 and partnerships of the Alaska Ocean Cluster as critical in driving innovation,  
24 commercialization, and entrepreneurship, which are the foundations of a thriving economy;  
25 and be it

26 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature welcomes opportunities to  
27 collaborate with the Bering Sea Fishermen's Association's Alaska Ocean Cluster program as a  
28 partner; and be it

29 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the Alaska  
30 Ocean Cluster's strategy for growing the state's economy, which is focused on building a  
31 pipeline of innovation and entrepreneurship to engage and connect residents of the state in

1 this growing ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurial spirit, capitalizing on economic  
2 opportunities, and increasing the resilience of the state's coastal communities; and be it

3 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the Alaska  
4 Ocean Cluster's efforts to build sustainable, collaborative, and interconnected ocean industry  
5 networks throughout the state by acting as a facilitator and hub in the ocean economy space.