

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GROH

Introduced: 2/20/24

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an**
2 **appropriation limit; and relating to the veto power of the governor.**

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

4 * **Section 1.** Article II, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 **Section 15. Veto.** The governor may veto bills passed by the legislature. He
6 may, by veto, strike or reduce items in appropriation bills. **The governor shall, by**
7 **veto, strike or reduce items in an appropriation bill in the amount necessary for**
8 **the appropriations to comply with the minimum veto amount for a fiscal year**
9 **established by law. The minimum veto amount for a fiscal year established by**
10 **law must exclude appropriations required by the federal government for state**
11 **participation in federal programs and appropriations to an account or fund**
12 **existing on the date of ratification of Section 7 of Article IX.** He shall return any
13 vetoed bill, with a statement of his objections, to the house of origin.

14 * **Sec. 2.** Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new
15 section to read:

16 **Section 30. Application of Amendment.** The 2024 amendment to Section 15

1 of Article II applies to appropriation bills or items made for the fiscal year ending
2 June 30, 2026, and thereafter.

3 * **Sec. 3.** Article IX, sec. 16, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is repealed.

4 * **Sec. 4.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of
5 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the
6 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.