

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST**

**Introduced: 2/16/18**

**Referred:**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Urging the United States Department of the Interior to maintain three lease sales in the**  
2 **Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea Planning Areas and two lease sales in the Cook Inlet**  
3 **Planning Area and to remove certain potential lease sales.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

5 **WHEREAS** the 2019 - 2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing  
6 Draft Proposed Program shows a genuine commitment to the nation's energy security and  
7 economic development; and

8 **WHEREAS** the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas contain the second and fourth largest  
9 estimated undiscovered technically recoverable oil and gas resources of all the outer  
10 continental shelf planning areas and have historically generated significant leasing interest;  
11 and

12 **WHEREAS** the Cook Inlet Planning Area continues to provide an important supply  
13 of affordable energy for the state's most populous region; and

14 **WHEREAS** new lease sales in the Cook Inlet Planning Area are the key to new  
15 exploration and continued regional energy stability; and

1           **WHEREAS** a strong and effective near-term offshore development program will  
2 maximize resources by focusing on the planning areas with the broadest support for  
3 development among residents of the state;

4           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Representatives respectfully urges the United  
5 States Department of the Interior to maintain three lease sales during the 2019 - 2024 period  
6 in the Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea Planning Areas with a commitment to a robust and  
7 meaningful consultation with local communities, tribes, and other stakeholders; and be it

8           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the House of Representatives respectfully urges the  
9 United States Department of the Interior to maintain two lease sales in the Cook Inlet  
10 Planning Area during the 2019 - 2024 period; and be it

11           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the House of Representatives respectfully urges the  
12 United States Department of the Interior to remove the potential lease sales in the Hope Basin,  
13 Norton Basin, St. Matthew-Hall, Navarin Basin, Aleutian Basin, Bowers Basin, Aleutian Arc,  
14 St. George Basin, Shumagin, Kodiak, and Gulf of Alaska Planning Areas from the Draft  
15 Proposed Program.