

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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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 and extending to Gakona and
7 on to Tok and north through the upper Tanana region to Delta Junction; and

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

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

14 **WHEREAS** a high-voltage electrical line would complete an electrical transmission
15 bus loop and establish a second secure path for power transmission from Anchorage to

1 Fairbanks; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President
26 of the United States; the Honorable Patrick Leahy, President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate;
27 the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable
28 Lloyd Austin, United States Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Scott de la Vega, Acting
29 United States Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Tom Vilsack, United States Secretary
30 of Agriculture; the Honorable Jennifer Granholm, United States Secretary of Energy; and the
31 Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the

1 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.