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Establishing a Senate Special Committee on Trans Alaska Pipeline System Throughput.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS oil revenue is extremely important to the State of Alaska, providing over 90 percent of the state's unrestricted general fund revenue; and

WHEREAS ninety-eight percent of Alaska's current oil production is produced on the Alaska North Slope and transported to market through the Trans Alaska Pipeline System; and

WHEREAS the volume of oil being transported through the Trans Alaska Pipeline System has steadily declined from the 1988 peak of 2,100,000 barrels a day to 579,100 barrels a day in fiscal year 2012, which represents a 71 percent decrease; and

WHEREAS the Department of Revenue predicts the decline will continue at a rate of 5.5 percent over the next 10 years, resulting in an estimate of Trans Alaska Pipeline System throughput of 338,500 barrels a day in fiscal year 2022; and

WHEREAS reduced Trans Alaska Pipeline System throughput has created substantial operational hurdles and cost increases associated with running the system so far below design capacity; and

WHEREAS projected declines in Trans Alaska Pipeline System throughput will

compound those operational and cost issues and could jeopardize the viability and safe operation of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System; and

WHEREAS it is incumbent on the legislature to examine the causes of declining Alaska North Slope oil production and to take an active role in increasing Trans Alaska Pipeline System throughput by all reasonable means;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that the Senate Special Committee on Trans Alaska Pipeline System Throughput is established to examine the decline in and take appropriate action relating to increasing Trans Alaska Pipeline System throughput; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Senate shall determine the number of members of the committee and shall appoint the members and designate a member or members to chair the committee; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate Special Committee on Trans Alaska Pipeline System Throughput may meet during and between sessions of the Twenty-Eighth Alaska State Legislature and is terminated on the convening of the First Regular Session of the Twenty-Ninth Alaska State Legislature.