

Sponsor Statement

HCR 8

North Slope Natural Gas Pipeline Routing

“Expressing the legislature's opposition to the proposed "northern" or "over-the-top" route for a natural gas pipeline to transport North Slope natural gas reserves to the domestic North American market, and expressing the legislature's support of commercialization of North Slope natural gas for the maximum benefit of the people of the state.”

The State of Alaska is on the verge of a new natural resource development. The natural gas pipeline has become a topic of great concern among legislators. It is incumbent upon the legislature to make a strong statement regarding its intent to uphold its constitutional mandate.

The legislature, in the Alaska State Constitution, is charged with ensuring development of Alaska's resources in the maximum best interest of the people of Alaska. For all the reasons laid out in the resolution, the so-called “northern route” is not in the best interest of the people of Alaska, and therefore, need be opposed by the legislature.