

# Sponsor Statement for HJR 49

## State-Federal Joint Research Plan

*Relating to preparation of a joint state-federal research and development plan.*

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HJR 49 requests that state and federal agencies work together to develop a joint research and development plan to help expand and diversify Alaska's economy, strengthen and maintain state research institutions, and protect the health of Alaskans and the environment of Alaska.

Alaska's economy is heavily dependent on the research and development activities of public, private, and academic sectors to attract investment, jobs, and revenue to the state. Effective research and development apply knowledge toward efficient resource extraction, resource protection, provision of human health, and the export of intellectual property.

The goal of this joint effort is to develop and present to the legislature a plan to identify and assess areas of high economic potential for resource development and tourism on federal and state lands in Alaska.