

**CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15(L&C)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/20/14**

**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HUGHES, Kawasaki**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to the Task Force on Unmanned Aircraft Systems.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **WHEREAS** the University of Alaska has been selected by the Federal Aviation  
4 Administration to become a test site for unmanned aircraft systems; and

5 **WHEREAS** the legislature has provided significant financial support to the Alaska  
6 Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration at the University of Alaska Fairbanks to  
7 further the center's research initiatives and to increase its capabilities for use as a Federal  
8 Aviation Administration test site; and

9 **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska, the University of Alaska, the Alaska Aerospace  
10 Corporation, the Alaska Aviation Safety Project, and other public and private institutions have  
11 developed cooperation with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Federal  
12 Aviation Administration, the United States Department of the Interior, the United States  
13 Department of Defense, and others to further advance the research, development, and use of  
14 technology to benefit and support Alaskans and Americans with the safe use of unmanned  
15 aircraft systems; and

16 **WHEREAS** Alaska state government and the state's business and research community

1 continue to work with the Federal Aviation Administration to promote the establishment of  
2 safe unmanned aircraft system ranges onshore and offshore Alaska, which will help establish  
3 procedures for the safe operation of unmanned aircraft systems in the National Airspace  
4 System; and

5 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration, by virtue  
6 of being located in Alaska, has access to an area of geographic and climatic diversity where  
7 the air and surface population density is desirable for conducting research and development of  
8 unmanned aircraft systems; and

9 **WHEREAS** the state has the highest per capita use of general aviation activity in the  
10 nation, and Alaska aviation organizations have helped the Federal Aviation Administration  
11 develop the next generation of air traffic control for the nation and the world, while making  
12 major gains for the state's aviation safety in the process; and

13 **WHEREAS** the Task Force on Unmanned Aircraft Systems created by Legislative  
14 Resolve 17, Twenty-Eighth Alaska State Legislature, has performed the tasks required of it  
15 but finds that further hearings and research are required to carry out its mission;

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Task Force on  
17 Unmanned Aircraft Systems created in the legislative branch in 2013 by Legislative Resolve  
18 17, Twenty-Eighth Alaska State Legislature, shall be continued; and be it

19 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall consist of the original seven  
20 members and

21 (1) the commissioner of transportation and public facilities or the  
22 commissioner's designee;

23 (2) the commissioner of commerce, community, and economic development  
24 or the commissioner's designee;

25 (3) three public members who shall be appointed jointly by the president of  
26 the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives, two of whom shall be participants  
27 in the unmanned aircraft system industry who have experience operating unmanned aircraft  
28 systems; and be it

29 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that a vacancy on the task force shall be filled in the  
30 manner of the original appointment; and be it

31 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the duties of the task force shall include

1 (1) reviewing regulations and guidance from the Federal Aviation  
2 Administration regarding unmanned aircraft systems;

3 (2) providing written recommendations, together with suggested legislation,  
4 for a comprehensive state policy for unmanned aircraft that protects privacy and allows the  
5 use of unmanned aircraft systems for public and private applications;

6 (3) evaluating complaints and concerns expressed to the task force;

7 (4) identifying potential privacy problems associated with unmanned aircraft  
8 systems and determining whether legislation is necessary to address them;

9 (5) considering recommendations for public education related to unmanned  
10 aircraft systems;

11 (6) studying the Federal Aviation Administration's "Integration of Civil  
12 Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in the National Airspace System Roadmap," issued  
13 November 7, 2013 (1st ed. 2013) and its application to the development of unmanned aircraft  
14 systems in the state;

15 (7) conducting a public hearing concerning privacy and the capture of data by  
16 unmanned aircraft systems at the University of Alaska's test site;

17 (8) further studying the nonpublic use of unmanned aircraft systems to  
18 encourage development of the private sector unmanned aircraft system industry; and

19 (9) further studying and making recommendations with respect to ensuring  
20 unmanned aircraft users comply with applicable laws; and be it

21 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force may meet as frequently as necessary to  
22 carry out its responsibilities; and be it

23 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force may meet during and between legislative  
24 sessions and may request administrative and technical support from the University of Alaska  
25 Fairbanks; and be it

26 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the public members of the task force serve without  
27 compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized for boards and  
28 commissions under AS 39.20.180; and be it

29 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force terminates on June 30, 2017.