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Establishing a Senate Special Committee on the Railbelt Electric System.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the Railbelt electric system is a system of six interconnected utilities providing generation, transmission, and delivery of electricity throughout the Railbelt corridor, spanning from Fairbanks in the north, to the Matanuska and Susitna valleys and Anchorage, and south through the Kenai Peninsula to Kenai, Homer, and Seward; and

WHEREAS the utilities in the Railbelt electric system cumulatively serve more than 565,000 residents of the state who depend on reliable, safe, and economic service for residential, business, and industrial uses; and

WHEREAS multiple studies have found substantial potential for improving reliability and security and providing economic savings to rate payers should the utilities in the Railbelt electric system work cooperatively and formally toward those goals; and

WHEREAS it is anticipated that the Regulatory Commission of Alaska will issue a report identifying a framework for the utilities in the Railbelt electric system to work cooperatively toward the goals of improving reliability and security and providing economic savings to rate payers, including recommendations for legislative action; and

WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature should consider the report from the Regulatory Commission of Alaska and evaluate improvements to the reliability and security of the Railbelt electric system and methods to provide economic savings to rate payers;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that a Senate Special Committee on the Railbelt Electric System is established to review the report from the Regulatory Commission of Alaska on the operation and regulation of the Railbelt electric system, consider the findings of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, and evaluate the recommendations of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska related to the Railbelt electric system; and be it

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

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate Special Committee on the Railbelt Electric System may meet during and between sessions of the Thirty-First Alaska State Legislature and is terminated on the convening of the First Regular Session of the Thirty-Second Alaska State Legislature.