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## RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2239

### **A Resolution of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly Supporting Legislation Mandating that Fiscal Notes Considering Impact on Local Taxpayers be Required for All State of Alaska Legislation and Administrative Actions That Could Have Economic Impacts on School Districts and Local Governments.**

WHEREAS, fiscal notes formally calculate the fiscal impacts of proposed legislation and administrative actions and, currently, the State of Alaska requires fiscal notes only for impacts on the State budget, with no provision to protect and inform local municipal taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, information provided in fiscal notes can be useful for decision making even when dollar estimates are not possible; and

WHEREAS, 42 states have fiscal note processes that require consideration of impacts on both state and local governments to protect and inform local taxpayers about state legislation and administrative actions that will raise local taxes or reduce local services; and

WHEREAS, Article X Section 14 of the Alaska Constitution charges the Executive Branch of the state government with the responsibility to “advise and assist local governments”; and

WHEREAS, as the Governor and Legislature search for ways to reduce state spending, it is likely that some proposed measures will affect local taxpayers through economic impacts on school districts and local governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

**Section 1.** The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau respectfully expresses its support for the proposal to require municipal fiscal notes for all legislation or administrative regulations that could affect local taxpayers through economic impacts on school districts and local governments.

**Section 2.** Fiscal notes for local economic impacts should be prepared at the same time as fiscal notes for state government impacts and the fiscal note process should include e-mail notification of school district and local government administrators and finance officials.

**Section 3.** Fiscal notes should, whenever possible, cite the separate effect for each school district or local government jurisdiction affected, in dollar amount for the current fiscal year and estimates for the next two succeeding fiscal years.


**Section 4.** Copies of this resolution will be sent to Governor Murkowski and the Alaska State Legislature upon adoption.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003.

  
Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:

  
Elizabeth J. McEwen, Deputy Clerk

Vote: Unanimous