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## **BERKOWITZ INTRODUCES TASK FORCE LEGISLATION**

JUNEAU – House Minority Leader Ethan Berkowitz (D-Anchorage) will introduce legislation creating a Task Force to study the effects of transferring services from state to local government on Monday, April 12.

“Recent budget decisions to eliminate Municipal Revenue Sharing demonstrate the need for House Concurrent Resolution 6,” Berkowitz explained, “I anticipate working with local officials and other legislators to assure that budget reductions and transfers of state functions take place in an orderly and well thought out manner.”

As written, HCR 6 establishes a Task Force consisting of three Senators and three Representatives, two majority members and one minority member of the respective bodies, to study the effects of transferring services from state to local government. The Task Force will work during the interim between the first and second sessions of the 21<sup>st</sup> Alaska State Legislature and report its findings in the spring of 2000. It will receive referrals to the House Community & Regional Affairs and Finance committees.

A copy of the sponsor statement follows and is available on the Internet:

<http://www.akdemocrats.org/bios/ebpics/hcr6ss.pdf>