



# Alaska State Legislature

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## Representative Anna Fairclough – House District 17

### House Bill 24

"An Act relating to a public procurement preference for Alaska veterans"

Alaska law, Sec. 36.30.180, states that “The purpose of bidder preference for resident firms when the state acts as a market participant is to encourage local industry, strengthen and stabilize the economy, decrease unemployment, and strengthen the tax and revenue base of the state.” House Bill 24 will expand this preference to include Alaska Veteran Owned Businesses.

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) identified 132 state bills (either introduced, in process, or passed into law in the past two years) that address, to some degree, the veteran business communities concerns at the state level. House Bill 24 brings Alaska into the national effort to encourage veterans to start businesses in Alaska and help them succeed.

I urge your support on this piece of legislation.