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To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Lesil McGuire
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Subject: Resent: Please Hear HB 6, Voluntary Employment Preference for Veterans

Dear State Affairs Committee Chair Stoltze, Majority Leader Coghill, and members McGuire, Huggins, and Wielechowski,

Please hear HB 6 ASAP. This issue is catching on like wildfire in the states, and I can tell you that besides 16 other states already doing this, we have bills in 10 other states moving forward this session. One recent bill became law on march 30th when Montana Governor Bullock sign it.

Your support of our quality of life issues for military families and veterans is greatly appreciated. We in the Department of Defense State Liaison Office strive to provide education, resources, and assistance for decision makers like you in a non-partisan nature in an effort to aid those brave military service members that serve our Nation, and never forget their families, who also serve, in the process.

House Bill 6 would allow private employers to voluntarily give preference to hire veterans without violating federal law. Although public sector employers can provide preferences, private ones are prohibited under Title VII if the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Alaska, as a major military state that will over the next year absorb more than 2,400 new veterans returning to or adopting Alaska as their home after separation or retirement, will gain the benefit of many highly skilled and superbly trained people competing for employment. Passing what HB 6 provides into law will enable private sector employers in Alaska to compete with the public sector for this high quality talent.

I will certainly be phoning in testimony of support if I cannot make it to Juneau in time!

Thank you for the continued support of military and veterans issues!

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