

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 356(FIN) am S**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Amended: 4/21/98**

**Amended: 4/14/98**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MULDER, Dyson, Foster, Croft, Ivan, Kott, Hudson**

**SENATORS Duncan, Kelly, Phillips, Lincoln, Leman, Sharp, Pearce, Taylor, Wilken, Mackie, Donley, Torgerson, Ward, Parnell**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

**1 "An Act establishing the Joint Committee on Military Bases in Alaska; and**  
**2 providing for an effective date."**

**3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

**4 \* Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.** The legislature finds that

**5 (1) the Secretary of Defense, in both the Quadrennial Defense Review and the**  
**6 Defense Reform Initiative, has called for the reestablishment of a Base Realignment and**  
**7 Closure Commission (BRAC) to conduct two new rounds of military base closures;**

**8 (2) all military bases in Alaska are scheduled for review and evaluation for**  
**9 potential placement on the closure list;**

**10 (3) the strategic location of the state's military bases, their unparalleled training**  
**11 and maneuver areas, and their modern facilities represent an asset of unmatched military value**  
**12 to the nation;**

**13 (4) the total economic value the military adds to the state exceeds**  
**14 \$1,700,000,000 annually;**

(5) any new base closure or realignment actions in the state would create serious economic and socioeconomic effects for the communities where they are located; and

(6) the closure of Adak Naval Air Facility and realignment of army activities at Fort Greely by the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure Commission continues to create challenges for communities committed to their productive reuse and integration into the state's economy.

**\* Sec. 2. JOINT COMMITTEE ON MILITARY BASES IN ALASKA.** (a) The Joint Committee on Military Bases in Alaska is established as a permanent interim committee of the legislature.

(b) The committee is composed of

(1) four members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature; three of these members shall be members of the majority, and one shall be a member of the minority;

(2) four members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature; three of these members shall be members of the majority, and one shall be a member of the minority;

(3) an individual who is a state resident other than a member of the state legislature and who is appointed jointly by the president of the senate of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature and the speaker of the house of representatives of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature after considering the recommendation of the mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage;

(4) an individual who is a state resident other than a member of the state legislature and who is appointed jointly by the president of the senate of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature and the speaker of the house of representatives of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature after considering the recommendation of the mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

(5) an individual who is a state resident other than a member of the state legislature and who is appointed jointly by the president of the senate of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature and the speaker of the house of representatives of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature after considering the recommendation of the adjutant general of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

(c) Members serve until the committee terminates, except that a person appointed under (b)(1) or (2) of this section ceases being a committee member when the person ceases being a member of the legislature.

(d) When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the committee, the presiding officer of the house incurring the vacancy shall fill the vacancy within 30 days. If the office of the presiding officer becomes vacant and a vacancy occurs among the members of the committee, the remaining committee members from the house incurring the vacancy shall appoint a new member.

(e) The committee shall

(1) monitor the military base realignment and closure activities of the federal government for bases in the state;

(2) work on specific realignments and closures proposed by the federal government for bases in the state;

(3) work with the state's congressional delegation regarding federal military base realignments and closings in the state;

(4) attend meetings and hearings related to federal realignments and closures of military bases in the state and provide testimony as necessary; and

(5) review the effect on the state and its communities of federal realignments and closures of military bases in the state.

(f) Six members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee to do business. The committee members select the chair of the committee.

(g) The committee may meet during sessions of the legislature and during intervals between sessions at the times and places as the chair of the committee may determine and may hold public hearings as necessary. Whenever possible, meetings shall be teleconferenced to reduce travel cost.

(h) Members of the committee receive the same travel and per diem allowances provided by law for members of the legislature.

(i) The committee shall prepare and submit a report of its activities to the legislature on or before the first day of November of the year prior to the convening of the First Session of the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature.

(j) The committee terminates on the day the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature

1 convenes.

2 (k) In this section, "committee" means the Joint Committee on Military Bases in  
3 Alaska.

4 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act is repealed on the day the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature  
5 convenes.

6 \* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).