

STATE OF ALASKA THE LEGISLATURE

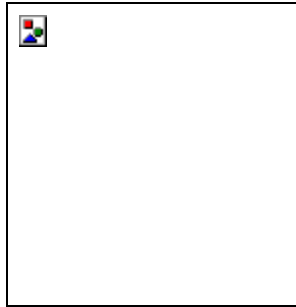
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Legislative Resolve No.

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Relating to federal procurement preferences for small businesses in the state that are owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the state has a compelling public interest in ensuring that small businesses in the state that are owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans receive every reasonable opportunity provided for them by 15 U.S.C. 644(g) (Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999); and

WHEREAS 15 U.S.C. 644(g) establishes a three percent federal procurement goal for small businesses in the state that are owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans; and

WHEREAS the state also has a compelling public interest in ensuring that the small businesses in the state that are owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans receive sole source and restricted competition contracts under 15 U.S.C. 657f (Veterans Benefits Act of 2003) for goods and services used by the federal government; and

WHEREAS the state has a compelling public interest in ensuring that the provisions of presidential Executive Order 13360 that implement the provisions of 15 U.S.C. 644(g) and 15 U.S.C. 657f relating to small businesses in the state that are owned and controlled by

service-disabled veterans are carried out in the state; and

WHEREAS some federal agencies either refuse or fail to comply with 15 U.S.C. 644(g), 15 U.S.C. 657f, and Executive Order 13360 as they relate to small businesses in the state that are owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the President of the United States direct all federal agencies in the state to fully comply with 15 U.S.C. 644(g), 15 U.S.C. 657f, and Executive Order 13360 as they relate to the small businesses in the state that are owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the U.S. House Small Business Committee, the U.S. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and the U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs hold joint oversight hearings into the refusal or failure of federal agencies in the state to meet, as the United States Congress and the federal Administration intended, the required goals and performance standards in each approved federal agency strategic procurement plan for small businesses in the state that are owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the joint oversight hearings be held in the state to confront directly those federal agencies in the state that have failed or refused to fully comply with 15 U.S.C. 644(g), 15 U.S.C. 657f, and Executive Order 13360 as they relate to the small businesses in the state that are owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Daniel Akaka, Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs; the Honorable John F. Kerry, Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship; the Honorable Bob Filner, Chair of the U.S. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs; the Honorable Nydia M. Velazquez, Chair of the U.S. House Small Business Committee; the Honorable Michael B. Donley, Secretary of the U.S. Air Force; the Honorable Pete Geren, Secretary of the U.S. Army; the Honorable Eric K. Shinseki, United States

Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.