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Sponsor Statement

“Expressing gratitude for the United States military and supporting increased defense readiness through infrastructure development and public-military partnerships.”

The U.S. military is essential to the protection, economy and the culture of Alaska. Alaska is home to the greatest proportion of veterans of any state and the second highest proportion of active duty and reserve troops. Moreover, the unique geography of Alaska makes it critical to national defense and military presence is greatly expanding in Alaska.

However, Alaska currently lacks the infrastructure to meet the growing needs of service, placing strain on both military readiness and Alaskan communities. Military-private collaboration opportunities such as Enhanced Use Lease agreements (EULs) help resolve this issue. EULs are a mechanism for military installations to lease out underutilized land to private developers. This ensures sufficient housing for both communities and service members.

Joint-use facilities represent another opportunity for collaboration wherein infrastructure meets civilian and military needs simultaneously. For example, a warm storage facility that acts as an emergency shelter, or a recreation center that serves a local university while acting as a training center for the National Guard.

Military installations interested in these opportunities must demonstrate to their chain of command at the Pentagon that the state supports such partnerships. To that end, this resolution expresses support for the U.S. military and pursuing mutually beneficial partnerships to ensure service members have access to required infrastructure.

These partnerships strengthen Alaskan communities while enhancing military readiness, ensuring a resilient future for both.