

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30(STA)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION

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

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

WHEREAS support for and to the United States Armed Forces is essential to Alaska's safety, economy, and identity; and

WHEREAS increased military presence is critical to the state's economic and demographic growth; and

WHEREAS the state is honored to be home to over 59,000 veterans, the highest percentage of any other state, reflecting the state's connection to the armed forces; and

WHEREAS the unique geography and strategic access to the Arctic and Indo-Pacific make the state critical to defense readiness, Arctic security, and allied and partner operations; and

WHEREAS the caliber of military installations in the state is unmatched, including Eielson Air Force Base, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Clear Space Force Station, Fort Wainwright, Fort Greely, Coast Guard Base Kodiak, Coast Guard Base Ketchikan, Coast Guard Sector Southeast Alaska, and Coast Guard Sector Western Alaska and numerous

1 additional installations, training areas, and stations critical to national defense; and

2 **WHEREAS**, in the past decade, military installations in the state have seen substantial
3 mission and personnel growth, including Eielson Air Force Base expanding by more than
4 1,000 airmen, a more than a 50 percent increase in personnel, and Coast Guard Base Kodiak
5 adding more than 1,200 Coast Guardsmen, reflecting a more than 100 percent increase in
6 personnel; and

7 **WHEREAS** the planned military expansion includes an additional KC-135 tanker
8 squadrons, Arctic security icebreakers, fast response cutters, missile defense systems, and
9 unmanned aerial systems, representing long-term strategic investment in the state and the
10 need for additional civilian support infrastructure; and

11 **WHEREAS** the state has a responsibility to support its military members and families
12 with sufficient, quality housing, schools, utilities, and services that allow them to focus on
13 their missions and encourage long-term residence in the state; and

14 **WHEREAS** communities near military installations often face housing shortages that
15 negatively affect both service members and local residents; and

16 **WHEREAS** housing shortages, such as those at Eielson Air Force Base, are likely to
17 compound as military expansion accelerates; and

18 **WHEREAS** the state has a direct interest in providing sufficient support for military
19 installations to ensure the installations remain viable accompanied assignments rather than
20 being designated hardship posts; and

21 **WHEREAS** enhanced-use leases enable private development of housing on
22 underutilized military land, reducing housing costs for residents of the state while providing
23 housing for service members and families; and

24 **WHEREAS** dual-use infrastructure, such as warm-storage facilities, utilities, power,
25 communications, air and seaport development, lodging, aircraft hangars, roads, and railways,
26 increases defense readiness while concurrently enhancing infrastructure resilience in the event
27 of hazardous weather or otherwise and saving state dollars;

28 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes and expresses
29 gratitude for the service and sacrifice of the men and women who protect the state; and be it

30 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the expansion of
31 Alaskan military bases, dual-use facilities, and public-military partnerships, including

1 enhanced-use leases, to ensure adequate housing, infrastructure, and resources for service
2 members and families.

3 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President
4 of the United States; the Honorable JD Vance, Vice President of the United States and
5 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Pete Hegseth, United States Secretary of Defense;
6 the Honorable Markwayne Mullin, United States Secretary of Homeland Security; the
7 Honorable Daniel Driscoll, United States Secretary of the Army; the Honorable John Phelan,
8 Secretary of the Navy; the Honorable Dr. Troy E. Meink, Secretary of the Air Force; and the
9 Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the
10 Honorable Nicholas Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
11 Congress.