

## Comparison of Provisions: AMAC, ACAST & JASC

	Alaska Military Affairs Commission (AMAC)	Alaska Civilian-Armed Services Team (ACAST)	Joint Armed Services Committee (JASC)
<b>Authority</b>	Proposed new section under AS 44.19 ( <a href="#">HB 155 v.S</a> Introduced 4.10.2023)	<a href="#">Administrative Order No. 291</a> (12.6.2017)	Permanent committee of the Alaska Legislature established under <a href="#">AS 24.20.650</a> through <a href="#">HB77</a> in 1999
<b>Membership</b>	<p>The commission is composed of nine members, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The lieutenant governor, who shall serve as chair of the commission;</li> <li>(2) The adjutant general of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs or the adjutant general's designee;</li> <li>(3) The commissioner of commerce, community, and economic development or the commissioner's designee;</li> <li>(4) Three members who are mayors, or their designees, from municipalities with military installations within the municipal boundaries, nominated by an organization that represents municipal governments within the state and appointed by the Governor;</li> <li>(5) Two public members with extensive military experience or expertise, each representing a different branch of the armed services, appointed by the governor;</li> <li>(6) One public member with statewide business or economic development experience, appointed by the governor;</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Three public members with extensive military experience or expertise, especially in Alaska and/or the circumpolar north, one each with experience in the Army, the Air Force, and the Coast Guard of the United States. In making appointments, an effort will be made to include a candidate with extensive reserve force experience;</li> <li>2. Two public members with private-sector business expertise; these two members must be from, live in, or have connections to different geographic regions of the state (Southeast, Southcentral, Southwest, Interior, and Northern Alaska). Further, in making appointments, an effort will be made to include candidates who have demonstrated success in civil-military collaboration;</li> <li>3. Two public members with municipal or tribal government experience, preferably from a community adjacent to a military installation or homeport of U.S. Coast Guard vessels or facilities; these two members must be from, live in, or have connections to different geographic regions of the state (Southeast, Southcentral, Southwest, Interior, and Northern Alaska);</li> <li>4. One public member with statewide business or economic development experience; and</li> <li>5. The Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs (DMVA) or a designee.</li> </ol>	<p>(b) The committee is composed of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) five members of the senate, at least one of whom is a member of the minority, appointed by the president of the senate;</li> <li>(2) five members of the house of representatives, at least one of whom is a member of the minority, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;</li> <li>(3) a state resident, other than a member of the state legislature, who is appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives after considering the recommendations of the Alaska chapters of each of the following organizations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) the Association of the United States Army;</li> <li>(B) the Air Force Association;</li> <li>(C) the Navy League of the United States;</li> <li>(D) the Marine Corps Association;</li> </ol> </li> <li>(4) a state resident, other than a member of the state legislature, who is appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives after considering the recommendation of the Seventeenth Coast Guard District Auxiliary;</li> <li>(5) a state resident, other than a member of the state legislature, who is appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives after considering the recommendation of the mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage;</li> <li>(6) a state resident, other than a member of the state legislature, who is appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives after considering the recommendation of the</li> </ol>

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<b>Administration</b>	<p>The Office of the Governor shall provide administrative support to the commission.</p> <p>Scheduled sunset 6.30.2030</p>	<p>The Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) shall provide administrative support to ACAST. DMVA shall consult with other State agencies and federal agencies as appropriate to obtain information on topics within their expertise and work with ACAST to determine and assign project and work assignments to other State agencies through the Office of the Governor.</p> <p>Scheduled sunset 6.30.24</p>	<p>The legislative council shall provide administrative and other services to the Joint Armed Services Committee. Within the limits of the amounts made available to the committee by the legislative council, the committee may make expenditures and enter into contracts to carry out the purposes of AS 24.20.650 - 24.20.675. Contracts must be approved by a majority of the members of the committee and are otherwise subject to procedures adopted by the legislative council under AS 36.30.020.</p>
<b>Powers &amp; Duties</b>	<p>The commission shall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Provide advice, counsel, and actionable recommendations on military issues, and economic and industrial development related to military issues, to the governor, state agencies, the legislature, communities and the state's congressional delegation;</li> <li>(2) Provide recommendations to expand and grow the current presence of the armed forces in the state, including new bases, expanded missions, and increased training;</li> <li>(3) Plan for state infrastructure needs to support military objectives;</li> </ol>	<p>The ACAST will facilitate collaboration among military, civilian and State government leaders in an open, public environment, to develop military force structure options and growth in Alaska and Arctic resourcing, training, and readiness, both on and off designated military installations. The ACAST shall provide strategic and actionable recommendations to the Governor in the form of task-specific briefings and reports informed by strategic planning documents, and recommend appropriate strategies for direct, ongoing civil-military collaboration, to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain and increase Alaska's military capacity and capability in both the active</li> </ol>	<p>(a) The Joint Armed Services Committee shall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) monitor the military base realignment and closure activities of the federal government for bases in the state;</li> <li>(2) work on specific realignments and closures proposed by the federal government for bases in the state;</li> <li>(3) work with the state's congressional delegation regarding federal military base realignments and closings in the state;</li> <li>(4) attend meetings and hearings related to federal realignments and closures of military bases in the state and provide testimony as necessary;</li> </ol>

	<p>(4) Recommend methods to improve private and public employment opportunities for the families of current and former members of the military who reside in the state;</p> <p>(5) Assist communities in the design and execution of programs that enhance the community's relationship with military installations and defense-related businesses;</p> <p>(6) Advocate for the state in matters related to military expansion decision making by emphasizing the state's strategic location on the globe and existing infrastructure and work to build community support in the state for the armed services; and</p> <p>(7) Prepare and maintain a strategic plan to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect the state's existing military missions;</li> <li>Position the state to be competitive for new and expanded military missions;</li> <li>Promote the long-term viability and prosperity of the military and industries related to national defense in the state; and</li> <li>Consider all current and anticipated base realignment and closure criteria affecting bases in the state.</li> </ol>	<p>component and guard and reserve forces; and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acquire future missions, infrastructure, and recurring military exercises in Alaska for military forces based inside and outside of the state.</li> </ol> <p>In presenting these recommendations, ACAST shall reference and update as needed relevant prior planning documents, including those developed by the Alaska Military Force Advocacy and Structure Team (AMFAST). The ACAST will make recommendations that assess strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats per mission area. The recommendations will be designed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the efficiency and scope of United States Department of Defense economic contributions to Alaska;</li> <li>Increase collaborations and foster abiding positive relationships between the military in Alaska and Alaska communities and businesses, including state, local, tribal, and private sector entities;</li> <li>Leverage military capabilities in public safety, civil defense, emergency preparedness, and disaster response to the maximum benefit of all Alaskans; and</li> </ol> <p>Coordinate with the Office of the Governor and other agencies to enact ACAST recommendations consistent with applicable law.</p> <p>ACAST shall provide a written report to the Governor annually, and additional regular reports in person or orally as often as needed, on progress or issues related to its purpose and duties, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current and developing challenges and opportunities potentially affecting military force capability, facilities, and effectiveness, including consideration of social and economic impacts to Alaska communities;</li> <li>The status of prior year ACAST recommendations and work; and</li> </ol>	<p>(5) review the effect on the state and its communities of federal realignments and closures of military bases in the state;</p> <p>(6) monitor the development of the national ballistic missile defense system and work with the congressional delegation of the state, other state and local government organizations, and community groups to advocate and expedite the deployment of the system in this state;</p> <p>(7) investigate opportunities to increase joint and combined military training in the state;</p> <p>(8) advocate the stationing of reconfigured power projection forces at bases located in the state; and</p> <p>(9) prepare and submit a report of its activities to the legislature on the first day of each second regular session.</p> <p>(b) The committee may appoint a citizens' advisory board. Individuals appointed to an advisory board may not receive reimbursement for travel expenses or per diem allowances.</p>
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