

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Labor and Commerce

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

10 **WHEREAS** the state also has a compelling public interest in ensuring that the small
11 businesses in the state that are owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans receive sole
12 source and restricted competition contracts under 15 U.S.C. 657f (Veterans Benefits Act of
13 2003) for goods and services used by the federal government; and

14 **WHEREAS** the state has a compelling public interest in ensuring that the provisions
15 of presidential Executive Order 13360 that implement the provisions of 15 U.S.C. 644(g) and
16 15 U.S.C. 657f relating to small businesses in the state that are owned and controlled by

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

2 **WHEREAS** some federal agencies either refuse or fail to comply with 15 U.S.C.
3 644(g), 15 U.S.C. 657f, and Executive Order 13360 as they relate to small businesses in the
4 state that are owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans;

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

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

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

22 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of
23 the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and
24 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the
25 U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the
26 Honorable Daniel Akaka, Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs; the
27 Honorable John F. Kerry, Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and
28 Entrepreneurship; the Honorable Bob Filner, Chair of the U.S. House Committee on Veterans'
29 Affairs; the Honorable Nydia M. Velazquez, Chair of the U.S. House Small Business
30 Committee; the Honorable Michael B. Donley, Secretary of the U.S. Air Force; the Honorable
31 Pete Geren, Secretary of the U.S. Army; the Honorable James B. Peake, M.D., United States

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