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Sponsor Statement for HB No. 155

States across the country have established military affairs organizations focused on preserving and growing their defense sectors. In Alaska, the defense industry has long been a key part of our social and economic landscape. However, many gaps exist in our knowledge of how the military impacts Alaska's economy and in pursuing growth opportunities as our nation's defense priorities evolve. Alaska needs representation among other state administrations and legislatures to organize, plan and implement effective strategies around defense in our state, including infrastructure, workforce development and quality of life.

House Bill No. 155 establishes the Alaska Military Affairs Commission (AMAC), which will effectively provide advice, counsel, and 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. The AMAC will work to expand and grow the current presence of the armed forces in the state, including new bases, expanded missions, and increased training.

The Alaska Military Affairs Commission will be an essential organization for the protection and promotion of our state's military interests. By establishing this Commission, Alaska demonstrates its commitment to the well-being of our military personnel and the communities in which they live. The AMAC will provide guidance and leadership to ensure that Alaska remains a strong supporter of our nation's military and veteran community. We urge your support of House Bill No. 155.