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Relating to an increase in the number of state troopers.

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

WHEREAS crime in Alaska has increased concomitant with the increase in population due to construction of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline; and

WHEREAS the termination of pipeline construction activities and resultant lack of jobs is expected to further increase crime in Alaska; and

WHEREAS crime has increased markedly in some suburbs and at least one citizens' group has initiated armed patrolling; and

WHEREAS, in spite of numerous studies and surveys that show that the prevention and punishment of crime ranks high in Alaskans' priorities, expenditures for the state troopers amount to only approximately one per cent of the state budget; and

WHEREAS widespread fear for the safety of person and property is incompatible with the existence of a cohesive, free, and open society;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully requests the Governor to increase the number of officers in the detachments and the criminal investigation bureau of the Department of Public Safety and also to create regional satellite headquarters.