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Relating to housing programs of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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

WHEREAS an inadequate supply of housing units for rural and low-income residents of Alaska exists despite the housing constructed in the urban areas of the state; and

WHEREAS a recent study completed by the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs documented a statewide need for 4700 new units for Alaska Natives alone and also found that a majority of the existing housing units surveyed were substandard; and

WHEREAS the demand for housing for low-income and rural residents of the state is growing; and

WHEREAS the 200 units built by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1986 did not meet the need for new housing units and, in fact, represents a substantial reduction in the number of units from previous years' efforts by the department; and

WHEREAS the department proposes to reduce by one-half the number of units to be constructed in the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS further reduction in the number of housing units funded in the state by the department would leave many individuals in substandard housing; and

WHEREAS an equitable distribution of fewer housing units to the existing regional housing authorities in the state would create diseconomies of scale, thus making it impossible to obtain contractors for design and construction in the rural areas of the state;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development is urged to maintain its housing programs in the State of Alaska at or above their current levels.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Samuel R. Pierce, Jr., Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.