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Relating to resident hire on a United States Department of Defense project at Amchitka Island.

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

WHEREAS the rate of unemployment among residents of the state is one of the highest in the nation; and

WHEREAS the number of state residents who are unable to find work is considerably higher than is reflected by unemployment rates based on nationally accepted measures, in part because many rural state residents who wish to work do not seek employment as frequently as necessary to meet federal definitions of unemployment because of continuing lack of employment opportunities in rural areas of the state; and

WHEREAS chronic unemployment leads to severe social problems including alcoholism and domestic violence; and

WHEREAS the state has one of the highest ratios of nonresident to resident workers in the nation; and

WHEREAS nonresident workers displace a substantial number of qualified, available, unemployed Alaska workers; and

WHEREAS section 8078 of the 1986 Defense Appropriations Act contained requirements for local hire on Department of Defense contracts in Alaska; and

WHEREAS section 9069 of the conference report to House Joint Resolution 738 contains requirements for local hire on Department of Defense contracts in Alaska; and

WHEREAS employment in the Aleutian Islands is intensely seasonal and the region suffers from the effects of the high unemployment rate; and

WHEREAS the Amchitka Island project of the Department of Defense is located in the Aleutian Islands;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the Department of Defense to comply with the Alaska hire provisions of the 1986 Defense Appropriations Act; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urges the Department of Defense to encourage Alaskans, including residents of the Aleutian Islands, to apply for work on the Amchitka Island project and to give preference to them in hiring for the project.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable James H. Webb, Secretary of the United States Navy; 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.