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Relating to adequate housing for military personnel and their dependents, directing the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and certain municipalities to develop a joint program for improving the inventory of housing for those personnel, and urging the governor, the commissioner of natural resources, and local officials to identify public land that might be made available for that housing.

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

WHEREAS the military forces and facilities in Alaska are an important component of national security interests in the Pacific region; and

WHEREAS there are 25,556 Alaskans currently on active duty in the military forces and 8,417 Alaskans are employed by the military; and

WHEREAS military personnel and their families are important contributors to the communities adjacent to the military bases and posts at which they are stationed and play a vital role in the state's economy; and

WHEREAS the President of the United States appointed a base realignment and closure commission to reduce the number of military facilities nationwide; and

WHEREAS the commission has specified that "the ability of both the existing and potential receiving communities' infrastructures to support military personnel" is an important

element of the criteria by which the commission determines which facilities to retain and which to close; and

WHEREAS housing is a critical component of infrastructure; and

WHEREAS it is important to the economy of Alaska to ensure that there is housing on or within proximity to the principal military bases and posts in the state that is suitable for military personnel and their families and that meets current United States Department of Defense housing standards and requirements; and

WHEREAS reductions in military spending have diminished or eliminated options such as those authorized by the sec. 801, Military Family Housing Leasing Program, 10 U.S.C. 2828, and the sec. 802, Military Housing Rental Guarantee Program, 10 U.S.C. 2821, that would otherwise be available to assist in addressing the shortfall in military housing; and

WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature, being committed to continuing the strong partnership that has historically existed between the state and the military, understands that there is a need to reduce or eliminate any shortage in the number of units of housing in this state that are suitable for military personnel; and

WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature is interested in working to reduce or eliminate that housing shortage.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to direct the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, in cooperation with officials of the Municipality of Anchorage, the Matanuska Susitna Borough, and the Fairbanks North Star Borough, to develop or recommend self-sustaining housing programs that will provide to military personnel and their dependents housing, including upgrades to existing available housing, that meets the standards and requirements set by the United States Department of Defense and that conforms to the maximum allowable housing cost off-base housing allowance for military personnel; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor, the commissioner of natural resources and officials of the Municipality of Anchorage, the Matanuska Susitna Borough and the Fairbanks North Star Borough identify public land that might be made available for improvement of the inventory of that housing; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor, the commissioner of natural resources,

and the board of directors of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation submit a report of their efforts in response to this resolution to the legislature not later than the 10th day of the Second Session of the Eighteenth Alaska State Legislature.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Les Aspin, Secretary of Defense; to Major General Hugh L. Cox III, Adjutant General, and Commissioner of Military and Veterans Affairs; to the Honorable Glenn A. Olds, Commissioner of Natural Resources; to Barry L. Hulin, Executive Director of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; to the Honorable Tom Fink, Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage; to the Honorable Ernie Brannon, Mayor of the Matanuska Susitna Borough; to the Honorable Jim Sampson, Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough; to the Honorable Jim Hayes, Mayor of the City of Fairbanks; and to the Honorable Lute Cunningham, Mayor of the City of North Pole.