

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 356(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/1/98

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MULDER, Dyson, Foster, Croft, Ivan

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act establishing the Joint Committee on Military Bases in Alaska; and
2 providing for an effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

5 (1) the Secretary of Defense, in both the Quadrennial Defense Review and the
6 Defense Reform Initiative, has called for the reestablishment of a Base Realignment and
7 Closure Commission (BRAC) to conduct two new rounds of military base closures;

8 (2) all military bases in Alaska are scheduled for review and evaluation for
9 potential placement on the closure list;

10 (3) the strategic location of the state's military bases, their unparalleled training
11 and maneuver areas, and their modern facilities represent an asset of unmatched military value
12 to the nation;

13 (4) the total economic value the military adds to the state exceeds
14 \$1,700,000,000 annually;

1 (5) any new base closure or realignment actions in the state would create
2 serious economic and socioeconomic effects for the communities where they are located; and

3 (6) the closure of Adak Naval Air Facility and realignment of army activities
4 at Fort Greely by the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure Commission continues to create
5 challenges for communities committed to their productive reuse and integration into the state's
6 economy.

7 * **Sec. 2. JOINT COMMITTEE ON MILITARY BASES IN ALASKA.** (a) The Joint
8 Committee on Military Bases in Alaska is established as a permanent interim committee of
9 the legislature.

10 (b) The committee is composed of

11 (1) three members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate of the
12 Twentieth Alaska State Legislature; two of these members shall be members of the majority,
13 and one shall be a member of the minority;

14 (2) three members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of
15 the house of representatives of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature; two of these members
16 shall be members of the majority, and one shall be a member of the minority;

17 (3) an individual who is a state resident other than a member of the state
18 legislature and who is appointed jointly by the president of the senate of the Twentieth Alaska
19 State Legislature and the speaker of the house of representatives of the Twentieth Alaska State
20 Legislature after considering the recommendation of the mayor of the Municipality of
21 Anchorage;

22 (4) an individual who is a state resident other than a member of the state
23 legislature and who is appointed jointly by the president of the senate of the Twentieth Alaska
24 State Legislature and the speaker of the house of representatives of the Twentieth Alaska State
25 Legislature after considering the recommendation of the mayor of the Fairbanks North Star
26 Borough; and

27 (5) an individual who is a state resident other than a member of the state
28 legislature and who is appointed jointly by the president of the senate of the Twentieth Alaska
29 State Legislature and the speaker of the house of representatives of the Twentieth Alaska State
30 Legislature after considering the recommendation of the adjutant general of the Department
31 of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

1 (c) Members serve until the committee terminates, except that a person appointed
2 under (b)(1) or (2) of this section ceases being a committee member when the person ceases
3 being a member of the legislature.

4 (d) When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the committee, the presiding officer
5 of the house incurring the vacancy shall fill the vacancy within 30 days. If the office of the
6 presiding officer becomes vacant and a vacancy occurs among the members of the committee,
7 the remaining committee members from the house incurring the vacancy shall appoint a new
8 member.

9 (e) The committee shall

10 (1) monitor the military base realignment and closure activities of the federal
11 government for bases in the state;

12 (2) work on specific realignments and closures proposed by the federal
13 government for bases in the state;

14 (3) work with the state's congressional delegation regarding federal military
15 base realignments and closings in the state;

16 (4) attend meetings and hearings related to federal realignments and closures
17 of military bases in the state and provide testimony as necessary; and

18 (5) review the effect on the state and its communities of federal realignments
19 and closures of military bases in the state.

20 (f) Five members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee to do
21 business. The committee members select the chair of the committee.

22 (g) The committee may meet during sessions of the legislature and during intervals
23 between sessions at the times and places as the chair of the committee may determine and
24 may hold public hearings as necessary.

25 (h) Members of the committee receive the same travel and per diem allowances
26 provided by law for members of the legislature.

27 (i) The committee shall prepare and submit a report of its activities to the legislature
28 before the convening of the First Session of the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature.

29 (j) The committee terminates on the day the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature
30 convenes.

31 (k) In this section, "committee" means the Joint Committee on Military Bases in

1 Alaska.

2 * **Sec. 3.** This Act is repealed on the day the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature
3 convenes.

4 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).