

**CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30(STA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/1/26**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Expressing gratitude for the United States military and supporting increased defense**  
2 **readiness through infrastructure development and public-military partnerships.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** support for and to the United States Armed Forces is essential to Alaska's  
5 safety, economy, and identity; and

6 **WHEREAS** increased military presence is critical to the state's economic and  
7 demographic growth; and

8 **WHEREAS** the state is honored to be home to over 59,000 veterans, the highest  
9 percentage of any other state, reflecting the state's connection to the armed forces; and

10 **WHEREAS** the unique geography and strategic access to the Arctic and Indo-Pacific  
11 make the state critical to defense readiness, Arctic security, and allied and partner operations;  
12 and

13 **WHEREAS** the caliber of military installations in the state is unmatched, including  
14 Eielson Air Force Base, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Clear Space Force Station, Fort  
15 Wainwright, Fort Greely, Coast Guard Base Kodiak, Coast Guard Base Ketchikan, Coast  
16 Guard Sector Southeast Alaska, and Coast Guard Sector Western Alaska and numerous

1 additional installations, training areas, and stations critical to national defense; and

2 **WHEREAS**, in the past decade, military installations in the state have seen substantial  
3 mission and personnel growth, including Eielson Air Force Base expanding by more than  
4 1,000 airmen, a more than a 50 percent increase in personnel, and Coast Guard Base Kodiak  
5 adding more than 1,200 Coast Guardsmen, reflecting a more than 100 percent increase in  
6 personnel; and

7 **WHEREAS** the planned military expansion includes an additional KC-135 tanker  
8 squadrons, Arctic security icebreakers, fast response cutters, missile defense systems, and  
9 unmanned aerial systems, representing long-term strategic investment in the state and the  
10 need for additional civilian support infrastructure; and

11 **WHEREAS** the state has a responsibility to support its military members and families  
12 with sufficient, quality housing, schools, utilities, and services that allow them to focus on  
13 their missions and encourage long-term residence in the state; and

14 **WHEREAS** communities near military installations often face housing shortages that  
15 negatively affect both service members and local residents; and

16 **WHEREAS** housing shortages, such as those at Eielson Air Force Base, are likely to  
17 compound as military expansion accelerates; and

18 **WHEREAS** the state has a direct interest in providing sufficient support for military  
19 installations to ensure the installations remain viable accompanied assignments rather than  
20 being designated hardship posts; and

21 **WHEREAS** enhanced-use leases enable private development of housing on  
22 underutilized military land, reducing housing costs for residents of the state while providing  
23 housing for service members and families; and

24 **WHEREAS** dual-use infrastructure, such as warm-storage facilities, utilities, power,  
25 communications, air and seaport development, lodging, aircraft hangars, roads, and railways,  
26 increases defense readiness while concurrently enhancing infrastructure resilience in the event  
27 of hazardous weather or otherwise and saving state dollars;

28 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes and expresses  
29 gratitude for the service and sacrifice of the men and women who protect the state; and be it

30 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the expansion of  
31 Alaskan military bases, dual-use facilities, and public-military partnerships, including

1 enhanced-use leases, to ensure adequate housing, infrastructure, and resources for service  
2 members and families.

3 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President  
4 of the United States; the Honorable JD Vance, Vice President of the United States and  
5 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Pete Hegseth, United States Secretary of Defense;  
6 the Honorable Markwayne Mullin, United States Secretary of Homeland Security; the  
7 Honorable Daniel Driscoll, United States Secretary of the Army; the Honorable John Phelan,  
8 Secretary of the Navy; the Honorable Dr. Troy E. Meink, Secretary of the Air Force; and the  
9 Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the  
10 Honorable Nicholas Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in  
11 Congress.