

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging a more active and responsible
6 participation in federal housing
7 assistance programs by the Alaska
8 State Housing Authority.

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

10 WHEREAS one of the most urgent and pressing needs in almost every
11 Alaska community is for basic utilities and housing facilities and it is
12 recognized that some 8,000 housing units must be built or replaced annually
13 in Alaska over the next five years; and

14 WHEREAS future construction needs will not be met unless the State
15 moves on a massive scale and without further delay to provide incentives
16 and assistance to all segments of the home building industry -- convention-
17 al, manufactured and modular; and

18 WHEREAS in spite of this critical need, Alaska is participating in
19 only 18 of the 73 programs available through HUD; and

20 WHEREAS programs are currently available to provide interest-free
21 loans to nonprofit corporations interested in building low and middle income
22 housing; and

23 WHEREAS rent and mortgage supplements, rent subsidies and credit assis-
24 tance is also available; and

25 WHEREAS in order to take advantage of this assistance, the Alaska
26 State Housing Authority must undertake immediate and aggressive planning to
27 redirect its efforts to available programs that meet our immediate needs;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
29 the Department of Commerce to evaluate the current level of the Alaska

1 State Housing Authority's participation in available federal housing
2 assistance, and to request that the agency's efforts be redirected to take
3 more advantage of these federal assistance programs.
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