

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the use of Elmendorf Air Force
6 Base as a "weather alternate" to Anchorage
7 International Airport.

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

9 WHEREAS, over the years Elmendorf Air Force Base has served as a
10 "weather alternate" to Anchorage International Airport; and

11 WHEREAS, the operations log at Elmendorf AFB shows that in 1972 six
12 commercial jets diverted to that facility because of fog at Anchorage Inter-
13 national Airport, one diverted due to emergency conditions, and one due to
14 cross winds; in 1973, 12 commercial jets diverted due to fog and one due to
15 cross winds; and

16 WHEREAS, regardless of improvements that may or may not be made, the
17 need for Elmendorf AFB as a "weather alternate" to Anchorage International
18 Airport will continue.

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
20 respectfully requested immediately to take steps that would lead to improve-
21 ments at Elmendorf Air Force Base making it a more suitable alternate to
22 Anchorage International Airport for commercial jet aircraft during periods
23 when weather conditions at the latter are below established minimums; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is respectfully suggested that the
25 Governor's discussion with officials of Alaska Air Command and commercial air
26 carriers include, but not be limited to, arrangements for the placement at
27 Elmendorf AFB of essential "standby" servicing equipment that cannot be
28 brought in on short notice, state participation in expansion or relocation
29 of passenger terminal facilities, and state guarantees to the U.S. Air

1 Force of aircraft fuel replacement.

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