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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LABOR AND  
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22 (L&C)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to an agreement between the  
6 Department of Defense and the Alaska  
7 Department of Labor for enforcement of  
8 the Alaskan hire requirements of sec.  
9 8078 of the 1986 Defense Appropriations  
10 Act, and subsequent acts; and urging the  
11 Congress to extend the resident hire  
12 provision through fiscal year 1988.

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

14 WHEREAS, because of its unique climate and its distance from the con-  
15 tiguous states, Alaska has historically suffered from unique social, geo-  
16 graphic, and economic conditions that result in an unstable economy; and

17 WHEREAS the unstable economy is a hardship on the residents of the  
18 state and is aggravated by the large number of seasonal and transient  
19 workers; and

20 WHEREAS the promotion of a resident-based workforce is a sound local,  
21 state, and federal public policy; and

22 WHEREAS the rate of unemployment among residents of the state is one  
23 of the highest in the nation; and

24 WHEREAS it is inherently fair that unemployed local residents in areas  
25 of high unemployment have first chance at being hired for jobs created by  
26 government spending in those areas; and

27 WHEREAS construction projects funded wholly or partially with federal  
28 funds have traditionally accounted for a substantial percentage of the  
29 available employment of the state; and

1       WHEREAS the federal government, in recognition of these facts, has  
2 provided for the preferential hire of Alaskan residents on Department of  
3 Defense contracts in the state in sec. 8078 of the 1986 Defense Appropria-  
4 tions Act; and

5       WHEREAS the Department of Defense, in preparation for the deployment  
6 of the Sixth Infantry Division (LIGHT), will award contracts for major  
7 construction, repair, and maintenance in Alaska estimated at \$134,000,000  
8 in fiscal year 1987; and

9       WHEREAS the Department of Defense fiscal year 1988 plan for military  
10 construction in Alaska includes contracts estimated at \$273,000,000; and

11       WHEREAS the state Department of Labor possesses the expertise and  
12 capability to verify compliance with regulations requiring resident hire in  
13 Alaska; and

14       WHEREAS the Governor has requested that the Department of Defense  
15 enter into a cooperative agreement with the state Department of Labor  
16 regarding compliance monitoring and enforcement of the resident hire pro-  
17 visions of sec. 8078 of the 1986 Defense Appropriations Act, and subsequent  
18 acts;

19       BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the De-  
20 partment of Defense and the state Department of Labor to enter into an  
21 agreement under which the state would monitor and enforce compliance with  
22 sec. 8078 of the 1986 Defense Appropriations Act, and subsequent acts; and  
23 be it

24       FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the  
25 Congress to extend the resident hire provisions of sec. 8078 through fiscal  
26 year 1988; and be it

27       FURTHER RESOLVED that should a cooperative agreement be consummated,  
28 the Alaska State Legislature directs the state Department of Labor to

29             (1) assist employers and labor organizations in verifying the

1 residency of applicants and eligibility for preference under sec. 8078 and  
2 subsequent acts; and

3 (2) certify to the Department of Defense and its contractors the  
4 availability or nonavailability of qualified workers eligible for the  
5 resident hire provisions of sec. 8078 and subsequent acts.

6 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Caspar  
7 Weinberger, Secretary of Defense; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the  
8 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.  
9 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and to the  
10 Alaska Department of Labor.

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