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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19 (State Affairs)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Relating to resident hire on a United
6 States Department of Defense project at
7 Amchitka Island.
8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
9 WHEREAS the rate of unemployment among residents of the state is one
10 of the highest in the nation; and
11 WHEREAS the number of state residents who are unable to find work is
12 considerably higher than is reflected by unemployment rates based on na-
13 tionally accepted measures, in part because many rural state residents who
14 wish to work do not seek employment as frequently as necessary to meet
15 federal definitions of unemployment because of continuing lack of employ-
16 ment opportunities in rural areas of the state; and
17 WHEREAS chronic unemployment leads to severe social problems including
18 alcoholism and domestic violence; and
19 WHEREAS the state has one of the highest ratios of nonresident to
20 resident workers in the nation; and
21 WHEREAS nonresident workers displace a substantial number of qual-
22 ified, available, unemployed Alaska workers; and
23 WHEREAS section 8078 of the 1986 Defense Appropriations Act contained
24 requirements for local hire on Department of Defense contracts in Alaska;
25 and
26 WHEREAS section 9069 of the conference report to House Joint Resolu-
27 tion 738 contains requirements for local hire on Department of Defense
28 contracts in Alaska; and
29 WHEREAS employment in the Aleutian Islands is intensely seasonal and

1 the region suffers from the effects of the high unemployment rate; and

2 WHEREAS the Amchitka Island project of the Department of Defense is
3 located in the Aleutian Islands;

4 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the De-
5 partment of Defense to comply with the Alaska hire provisions of the 1986
6 Defense Appropriations Act; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urges the Department of Defense
8 to encourage Alaskans, including residents of the Aleutian Islands, to
9 apply for work on the Amchitka Island project and to give preference to
10 them in hiring for the project.

11 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable James H.
12 Webb, Secretary of the United States Navy; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
13 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don
14 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.