

Funding Information
General Fund \$750,000
Other Funds -0-
\$750,000

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY CATO AND GRUENBERG

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HOUSE BILL NO. 312

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for an environmental impact statement concerning Seward and Kodiak as homeports for navy ships; and providing for an effective date."

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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* Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

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(1) the United States Department of the Navy conducted a study of potential homeport sites in the state, assessing climate, port services, transportation, utilities, community support, and economic impact;

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(2) the navy's homebasing report selected Kodiak and Seward as the most suitable Alaska ports for the potential basing of two frigates, each with a complement of approximately 275 personnel and requiring a total of 75 civilian support personnel ashore;

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(3) the Fifteenth Alaska State Legislature indicated its support for basing a navy homeport in Alaska, so long as there are net benefits to the state, by passing Legislative Resolve 61;

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(4) the public has expressed strong support for homeporting in the state, assuming a reasonable economic return;

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(5) the Department of the Navy has suggested that environmental impact statements be prepared to examine the effects associated with homeporting in Kodiak and Seward and the state agrees so long as the project terms are set out in a memorandum of understanding and comply with the intent of Legislative Resolve 61 passed by the Fifteenth Alaska State

1 Legislature; and

2 (6) the state Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
3 will need added money to prepare the environmental impact statements should
4 they be warranted.

5 * Sec. 2. The sum of \$750,000 is appropriated from the general fund to
6 the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for expenses in-
7 curred in evaluating placing homeports for United States Navy ships in
8 Seward and in Kodiak, including

9 (1) assessing the feasibility of the project;

10 (2) undertaking an environmental impact analysis, if war-
11 ranted, for the project;

12 (3) performing work pertaining to implementation of a
13 comprehensive plan for the project; and

14 (4) negotiating or consummating agreements, including
15 necessary legal work, for the project.

16 * Sec. 3. The unexpended and unobligated balance of the appropriation
17 made by this Act lapses into the general fund June 30, 1991.

18 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).