

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
BANKING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Urging the Alaska Housing Market Council

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to develop a statewide housing policy

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for the decade of the 1990's.

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

9 WHEREAS, since the first initiatives of Alaska's territorial legisla-
10 ture in 1945 to improve housing, state housing policy has developed ran-
11 domly, in response to real and perceived needs and to the demands made by
12 groups within the state; and

13 WHEREAS, while principal responsibility for development and implemen-
14 tation of a comprehensive housing policy was first assigned to the Alaska
15 State Housing Authority, subsequent legislation has since extended elements
16 of that policy to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and regional
17 housing authorities (ch. 107, SLA 1971), the housing assistance division of
18 the Department of Community and Regional Affairs (ch. 106, SLA 1980), the
19 Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (ch. 113, SLA 1982),
20 and, most recently, the Alaska Housing Market Council; and

21 WHEREAS the Alaska Housing Market Council, created by Administrative
22 Order No. 94, is composed of members of the Alaska State Building Author-
23 ity, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, rural development division of the
24 Department of Community and Regional Affairs, the Alaska Industrial Devel-
25 opment and Export Authority, the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation, and
26 other public members for the purpose of coordinating interagency housing
27 policy; and

28 WHEREAS development and implementation of housing policy must take
29 into account the roles and responsibilities of various federal agencies and

1 consider significant groups who contribute to the development of a housing
2 market, including particularly building contractors and lending institu-
3 tions; and

4 WHEREAS recent changes in the state economy and federal budgets have
5 affected the need and demand for housing, leaving surplus housing available
6 in some urban areas but unfulfilled demand in rural parts of the state; and

7 WHEREAS a review of current state housing programs in light of housing
8 demand and supply and the changing state economy, and development of the
9 draft of a coordinated statewide housing policy would be timely;

10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
11 respectfully requested to direct the Alaska Housing Market Council to
12 develop the draft of a coordinated statewide housing policy for the State
13 of Alaska as a guideline for the state's housing activities during the
14 1990's; and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED that the draft of a statewide housing policy should
16 recommend objectives of a statewide housing policy, consider the changing
17 role of each of these state agencies and of the federal government in the
18 planning, development, and financing of essential housing units and ser-
19 vices, and recommend whether any one state agency should be assigned prin-
20 cipal responsibility for housing policy implementation; and be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED that the draft of a statewide housing policy should
22 give attention to changes and modifications of the principal components of
23 the state's current housing programs, including mortgage assistance, the
24 housing needs of low-income families, senior citizens, and residents of
25 rural areas, and the demand for and supply of multi-family housing and
26 rental housing; and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor shall submit the draft of the
28 statewide housing policy, together with recommended legislation to make
29 changes recommended and appropriations necessary to implement the draft

1 policy to the Second Session of the Sixteenth Alaska Legislature not later
2 than January 31, 1990.