

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

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**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to the shortage of adequate housing for military personnel and their**  
2 **dependents, directing the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and certain**  
3 **municipalities to develop a joint program for improving the inventory of housing**  
4 **for those personnel, and urging the governor and the commissioner of natural**  
5 **resources to identify state land that might be made available for that housing.**

6 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

7 **WHEREAS** the military forces and facilities in Alaska are an important component  
8 of national security interests in the Pacific region; and

9 **WHEREAS** there are 25,556 Alaskans currently on active duty in the military forces  
10 and 8,417 Alaskans are employed by the military; and

11 **WHEREAS** military personnel and their families are important contributors to the  
12 communities adjacent to the military bases and posts at which they are stationed and play a  
13 vital role in the state's economy; and

14 **WHEREAS** the President of the United States appointed a base realignment and  
15 closure commission to reduce the number of military facilities nationwide; and

1           **WHEREAS** the commission has specified that "the ability of both the existing and  
2 potential receiving communities' infrastructures to support military personnel" is an important  
3 element of the criteria by which the commission determines which facilities to retain and  
4 which to close; and

5           **WHEREAS** housing is a critical component of infrastructure; and

6           **WHEREAS** there is a shortage of decent housing on or within proximity to the  
7 principal military bases and posts in the state that is suitable for military personnel and their  
8 families and that meets current United States Department of Defense housing standards and  
9 requirements; and

10          **WHEREAS** estimates of the number of units of housing suitable for military personnel  
11 and their dependents project a greater shortage in the future; and

12          **WHEREAS** reductions in military spending have diminished or eliminated options  
13 such as those authorized by the sec. 801, Military Family Housing Leasing Program, 10  
14 U.S.C. 2828, and the sec. 802, Military Housing Rental Guarantee Program, 10 U.S.C. 2821,  
15 that would otherwise be available to assist in addressing the shortfall in military housing; and

16          **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature, being committed to continuing the strong  
17 partnership that has historically existed between the state and the military, understands that  
18 there is a need to reduce or eliminate the shortage in the number of units of housing in this  
19 state that are suitable for military personnel; and

20          **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature is desirous of contributing and committing  
21 state resources to reduce or eliminate that housing shortage.

22          **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the  
23 Governor to direct the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, in cooperation with officials of  
24 the Municipality of Anchorage and the Fairbanks North Star Borough, to develop and to  
25 implement or recommend self-sustaining housing programs that will provide to military  
26 personnel and their dependents housing that meets the standards and requirements set by the  
27 United States Department of Defense and that conforms to the maximum allowable housing  
28 cost off-base housing allowance for military personnel; and be it

29          **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governor and the commissioner of natural resources  
30 identify state land that might be made available for improvement of the inventory of that  
31 housing; and be it

32          **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governor, the commissioner of natural resources,

1 and the board of directors of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation submit a report of their  
2 efforts in response to this resolution to the legislature not later than the 10th day of the Second  
3 Session of the Eighteenth Alaska State Legislature.

4       **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Les Aspin, Secretary of  
5 Defense; to the Honorable Glenn A. Olds, Commissioner of Natural Resources; to Barry L.  
6 Hulin, Executive Director of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; to the Honorable Tom  
7 Fink, Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage; and to the Honorable Jim Sampson, Mayor  
8 of the Fairbanks North Star Borough.