

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24 am
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, the commissioner of natural**
5 **resources and local officials to identify public land that might be made available**
6 **for that housing.**

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

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

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

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

15 **WHEREAS** the President of the United States appointed a base realignment and

1 closure commission to reduce the number of military facilities nationwide; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature is interested in working to reduce or
22 eliminate that housing shortage.

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

30 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governor, the commissioner of natural resources and
31 officials of the Municipality of Anchorage, the Matanuska Susitna Borough and the Fairbanks
32 North Star Borough identify public land that might be made available for improvement of the

1 inventory of that housing; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governor, the commissioner of natural resources,
3 and the board of directors of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation submit a report of their
4 efforts in response to this resolution to the legislature not later than the 10th day of the Second
5 Session of the Eighteenth Alaska State Legislature.

6 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Les Aspin, Secretary of
7 Defense; to the Honorable Major General Hugh L. Cox III, Adjutant General Commissioner
8 of Military and Veterans Affairs; to the Honorable Glenn A. Olds, Commissioner of Natural
9 Resources; to Barry L. Hulin, Executive Director of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation;
10 to the Honorable Tom Fink, Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage; to the Honorable Ernie
11 Brannon, Mayor of the Matanuska Susitna Borough; to the Honorable Jim Sampson, Mayor
12 of the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and the Honorable Jim Hayes, Mayor of the City of
13 Fairbanks.