

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/10/93

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MULDER, Barnes, Foster, Hudson, Willis, James, Porter, Brown, Toohey, Kott, Bunde, Hanley

SENATORS Phillips, Kelly

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, including upgrades to existing available
28 housing, that meets the standards and requirements set by the United States Department of
29 Defense and that conforms to the maximum allowable housing cost off-base housing
30 allowance for military personnel; and be it

31 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governor, the commissioner of natural resources and
32 officials of the Municipality of Anchorage, the Matanuska Susitna Borough and the Fairbanks

1 North Star Borough identify public land that might be made available for improvement of the
2 inventory of that housing; and be it

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

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