

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 58
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE FINKELSTEIN

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Referred: Transportation, State Affairs

A RESOLUTION

1 Endorsing and supporting federal legislation to ban the manufacture, transfer, and
2 possession of military-style semi-automatic assault weapons.

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

4 WHEREAS assault weapons were originally designed for neutralizing as many soldiers
5 as possible in as little time as possible; and

6 WHEREAS assault weapons are linked to crime substantially out of proportion to their
7 numbers; and

8 WHEREAS assault weapons have been used to kill and maim peace and police
9 officers; and

10 WHEREAS assault weapons are frequently used to create mayhem by people involved
11 in drug trading and by the mentally unstable; and

12 WHEREAS virtually every law enforcement agency nationwide has endorsed the ban
13 of assault weapons; and

14 WHEREAS placing restrictions on the manufacture, transfer, and possession of assault
15 weapons will not interfere with traditional hunting or recreational purposes; and

16 WHEREAS President Clinton, in his State of the Union address, called upon the

1 nation's hunters to support legislation placing restrictions on the manufacture, transfer, and
2 possession of assault weapons; and

3 **WHEREAS** a national poll showed that 79 percent of Americans favor strict control
4 of assault weapons; and

5 **WHEREAS** the United States Senate has passed legislation that would ban nineteen
6 separate semi-automatic weapons; and

7 **WHEREAS** more than 650 weapons would not be affected and would be protected
8 under this legislation;

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature endorses and supports federal
10 legislation to ban the manufacture, transfer, and possession of military-style semi-automatic
11 assault weapons.

12 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
13 United States, and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
14 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
15 delegation in Congress.