

**HCR**

**32**

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred: March 29, 1994

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/19/94

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HCR 32

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

JOINT TASK FORCE ON MILITARY BASES

Establishing the Joint Task Force on Military Bases in Alaska.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] the same title

[ ] have attached amendments(s)

[ ] do pass

[ ] do not pass

[X] no recommendations

[ ] individual recommendations

[ ] additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

ADOPTS: \_\_\_\_\_ letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)

[ ] fiscal impact \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_

[X] zero fiscal note LAA

[ ] zero fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
Richard [Signature]	*	Edgar P. Machean			
[Signature] Hanky	X	Ronald J. Lanson		X	
Ann [Signature]	X	Terry Martin		X	
[Signature] Theriault	X	Bonnie Grussendorf		X	
		Ernie Hoffmann			
		Yvonne Navarre			
		Lay Brown			

[Signature] EP Machean  
CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE BY REQUEST**

Introduced: 3/29/94

Referred: Finance

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Establishing the Joint Task Force on Military Bases in Alaska.**

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

**3 WHEREAS** the Department of Defense has stated that reducing military infrastructure  
**4** through base realignments and closures is a top priority, and the 1995 round of base  
**5** realignments and closures is the last round authorized under the National Defense  
**6** Authorization Acts for Fiscal Years 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1994 (P.L. 101 - 510, P.L. 102 -  
**7** 190, and P.L. 103 - 160); and

**8 WHEREAS** all military bases in Alaska are scheduled for review and evaluation in  
**9** 1994 for potential placement on the 1995 closure list; and

**10 WHEREAS** Alaska's military bases represent a strategic asset to this nation because  
**11** of their unique location; and

**12 WHEREAS** the total economic value the military adds to the state exceeds  
**13** \$2,700,000,000 annually; and

**14 WHEREAS** the closure of one or more military bases in the state would have serious  
**15** economic and socioeconomic effects on the communities where they are located;

**16 BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Joint Task Force on  
**17** Military Bases in Alaska is established to facilitate the retention of the military bases in the

1 state by working with the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC), the  
2 Department of Defense, the Department of the Army, the Department of the Air Force, the  
3 Department of the Navy, the United States Coast Guard, the state's congressional delegation,  
4 and the communities and other persons affected by realignments and closures of military bases  
5 in the state; and be it

6 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall consist of six members as follows:

7 (1) three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate; and

8 (2) three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker

9 of the House; and be it

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force is authorized to meet between, after, and  
11 during the sessions of the Eighteenth Alaska State Legislature, and may hold public hearings  
12 as necessary; and be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall prepare and submit to the legislature  
14 before the convening of the First Session of the Nineteenth Alaska State Legislature a report  
15 of its activities; and be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Task Force on Military Bases in Alaska is  
17 terminated on the date of the convening of the First Session of the Nineteenth Alaska State  
18 Legislature.

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1994 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
BILL VERSION: HCR 32  
PUBLISH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Establishing the Joint Task Force  
on Military Bases in Alaska.  
Sponsor: House Judiciary  
Requestor: House Judiciary

Department Affected: Legislative Affairs Agency  
BRU: All  
Component: All

COMPONENT SERIAL NO:

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>CAPITAL</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
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<b>REVENUE FUND SOURCE</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUND SOURCE						
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year impact: \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Zero fiscal impact.

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Approved By: Pamela A. Stoops, Executive Director  
Agency: Legislative Affairs Agency

Date: 4/8/94

Distribution (by preparer): Leg. Finance, Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB, Gov., & Impacted Agency(ies).

## **Sponsor Statement HCR 32**

### **OVERVIEW**

In order to reduce unneeded military facilities and infrastructure, Congress passed provisions allowing the Secretary of Defense to close or realign military facilities in the United States and establishing the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) to review these recommendations. Three reviews were set forth to occur in 1991, 1993 and 1995.

Military facilities and their support personnel contribute a great deal of economic benefit to the communities in which they are located, therefore these kinds of reductions created a political football for many of the individual legislators that would be affected. The creation of the BRAC process was meant to take the politics out of the base closure process. Attached is a timeline for BRAC 95 process.

The BRAC 95 process is of great concern to the State of Alaska. Currently, military facilities in Alaska contribute approximately \$2.7 billion dollars to the economy annually. The loss of even one of our bases could have an extremely detrimental effect on an already bleak state fiscal situation. During the last two BRAC reviews in 1991 and 1993, the Department of Defense has not submitted an Alaskan facility for closure, however, in 1993 the 6th Infantry (Light) was reorganized from a Division to a Brigade. This resulted in a reduction of 49% in the Army forces in Alaska, primarily in Anchorage. Also, in 1993 there were certain groups that questioned why Ft. Richardson in Anchorage was not offered up for closure.

Alaskan military facilities possess many characteristics that make them superior to other facilities in the lower contiguous states. Optimal training area, "power projection", transportation and mobilization infrastructure are just a few of the traits that make Alaskan facilities invaluable. Unfortunately, there are many misunderstandings about the strategic location of Alaska that occur during the BRAC process. The goal of creating this Joint Task Force on Military Bases in Alaska is to provide information to the Department of Defense and the BRAC Commission and to interact with these organizations in order to paint a more clear picture of Alaskan military facilities and the role that they play in the national defense. I hope I can count on your support. Thank you.



# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: **Representative Ron Larson**  
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee

**Representative Eileen MacLean**  
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee

FROM: **Representative Eldon Mulder**

SUBJ: **Hearing on HCR 32**

DATE: **Wed, April 13, 1994**

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Helen*

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I respectfully request that the House Finance Committee schedule a hearing on House Concurrent Resolution 32, relating to the creation of a Joint Task Force on Military Bases in Alaska. Attached is a copy of the legislation, sponsor statement and some pertinent back-up material. I have requested a fiscal note which will be forwarded to you upon receipt. Thank you for your consideration of this request.