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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sponsor Statement for HJR 8

More than 250 Alaska Army National Guard soldiers are now on active duty, and are deployed throughout the world. These citizen soldiers, from all over Alaska are serving in overseas training deployments, combat missions, stability and support operations, as well as federal missions and the Partnership for Peace in Mongolia.

Alaskan Army National Guard members come from all walks of life. They are committed to serving their country in times of need; thus, they leave their families, friends and jobs in order to spend from six months to a year and a half completing their assigned missions.

These fine soldiers deserve our appreciation and thanks.

FISCAL NOTE

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2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: HJR 8
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: _____
 Title Supporting Alaska Army Natl Guard RDU _____
 Component _____
 Sponsor Representative Weyh: auch
 Requester House Military & Veterans' Affairs Component No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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 Agency: Chairman

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22 February 2005

Alaska State Legislature
c/o Representative Bruce Weyhrauch
State Capitol, Room 421
Juneau, Alaska 99801
Attention: Terry Harvey

SUBJECT: Letter of Support to House Resolution 8, In Support of National Guard Programs

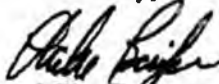
I am sending this letter of support as the President of the Alaska National Guard Officer's Association (ANGOA) for the current bill recognizing the service and sacrifices of the members of the Alaska Army National Guard who are or will be deployed around the world in support of the Global War on Terror, as well as other current Homeland Defense and Homeland Security missions.

The Alaska Army National Guard is at a historic pace of operational deployments in both Federal and State status' to protect Alaskans and Americans and any form of literal or functional support from our State is greatly appreciated and extremely important.

The effects on the morale of our soldiers and their families with formalized and heart-felt support for the unique sacrifices of Alaska National Guardmembers is yet to be determined, but we can expect it to be acknowledged.

Thanks for your consideration in this and other matters of support from the Alaska State Legislature on behalf of my fellow Alaska Guardsmen and Women.

Sincerely,



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20 January 2005

The Honorable Mr. Bruce Weyhrauch
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SUBJECT: Operational Deployments of the Alaska National Guard

DEPLOYMENT STRENGTH: The Alaska Army National Guard currently has over 250 soldiers on Federal Active duty with approximately 170 of those involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) or Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) overseas. Over 80 soldiers are on Federal Title X duty at Ft. Greely with the National Missile Defense security mission. 36 Soldiers have just completed Federal Title X duty of two years securing Kulis Air Guard Base and 67 Aviation Battalion soldiers recently returned from nearly a year in Kosovo.

PENDING MISSIONS: Current pending missions include an Aviation Company (UH60 Blackhawk Helicopters) to OIF late this Spring 2005 (18 months total Federal time), and beginning early Summer 2006 through Spring 2008, approximately 320 infantry soldiers will deploy to the Horn of Africa (HOA) in support of the Global War On Terror (GWOT) with two, 150-plus man unit rotations of 12 months "boots on the ground" time each rotation).

LENGTH OF MISSIONS: Army Guard missions are primarily 12 months boots on the ground if part of OIF or OEF for a total of 18 months with train up/mobilization and demobilization time. Other missions are generally from 6-12 months. Overseas deployment training missions (ODT) are usually 3-4 weeks if outside Alaska. The Haiti mission is a Nation-Building/Humanitarian mission starting in February and running through June, with Aviation Platoons going for 3-4 week rotations covering the duration.

WHERE THEY ARE FROM: These Army Guard Soldiers are from communities all over Alaska from Ketchikan to Barrow, and around the entire Rural periphery from Kotzebue to Togiak, Kodiak, Kenai and throughout the Southeast.

TROOP BACKGROUND: In their civilian lives these soldiers are mechanics, truck drivers, cooks, business managers, small business owners, pilots, fishermen, accountants, police, fire fighters, mill workers, salespeople, state and federal public employees, you name it, they are part of the civilian communities they come from.

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Alaska Army National Guard Operational Deployments

(As of January 2005 and pending)

