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Alaska State Legislature



Representative Lora Reinbold
House District 14

Sponsor Statement House Joint Resolution 13

“Urging the United States Department of the Army to maintain the current level of its combat-capable structure in the state.”

House Joint Resolution 13 supports maintaining current Alaska Army personnel levels at Fort Wainwright and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

The Department of the Army, pursuant to P.L 112-25 (Budget Control Act of 2011), has been tasked with reducing costs and reducing active duty personnel. Thirty military installations across the United States are currently being evaluated, including Fort Wainwright and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

Nationally, Army active duty personnel may be reduced from 570,000 to 450,000. In Alaska, Fort Wainwright may lose up to 5,800 military and civilian positions. Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson may lose up to 5,300 military and civilian positions.

HJR 13 recognizes the national interest in reducing costs, however, it also recognizes how truly unique the military installations in Alaska are. Army Major General William “Billy” Mitchell (who is credited for being “the father of the Air Force”) famously said:

I believe that in the future, whoever holds Alaska will hold the world. I think it is the most important strategic place in the world.

That quote rang true during Major General Mitchell’s life (December 29, 1879 – February 19, 1936), and rings true today.

Alaska, using northern routes, connects three continents. Army personnel located in the state can get to many places around the globe, quickly. In those instances, the military can “make things happen.” Or, importantly, “prevent other things from happening.” Having a presence in Alaska, especially at places like Fort Wainwright and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson can shape events.

Please join Representative Reinbold in supporting HJR 13

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HJR13-LEG-SESS-02-09-15
Title: RETAIN ARMY FORCES IN ALASKA
Sponsor: REINBOLD
Requester: Rep Herron

Department: Alaska Legislature
Appropriation: Legislative Operating Budget
Allocation: Session Expenses
OMB Component Number: 782

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2016	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2016 Request	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2016	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency?
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Initial Version

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation has zero fiscal impact on the Legislative Affairs Agency.