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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 356( )

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MULDER, Dyson, Foster, Croft, Ivan

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act establishing the Joint Committee on Military Bases in Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

*** Section 1.** LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

(1) the Secretary of Defense, in both the Quadrennial Defense Review and the Defense Reform Initiative, has called for the reestablishment of a Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) to conduct two new rounds of military base closures;

(2) all military bases in Alaska are scheduled for review and evaluation for potential placement on the closure list;

(3) the strategic location of the state's military bases, their unparalleled training and maneuver areas, and their modern facilities represent an asset of unmatched military value to the nation;

(4) the total economic value the military adds to the state exceeds $1,700,000,000 annually;

(5) any new base closure or realignment actions in the state would create serious economic and socioeconomic effects for the communities where they are located; and

(6) the closure of Adak Naval Air Facility and realignment of army activities at Fort Greely by the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure Commission continues to create challenges for communities committed to their productive reuse and integration into the state's economy.

*** Sec. 2. JOINT COMMITTEE ON MILITARY BASES IN ALASKA.** (a) The Joint Committee on Military Bases in Alaska is established as a permanent interim committee of the legislature.

(b) The committee is composed of

(1) three members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature;

(2) three members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature;

(3) an individual who is a state resident and appointed jointly by the president of the senate of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature and the speaker of the house of representatives of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature after considering the recommendation of the mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage;

(4) an individual who is a state resident and appointed jointly by the president of the senate of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature and the speaker of the house of representatives of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature after considering the recommendation of the mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

(5) an individual who is a state resident and appointed jointly by the president of the senate of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature and the speaker of the house of representatives of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature after considering the recommendation of the commissioner of military and veterans' affairs.

(c) Members serve until the committee terminates.

(d) When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the committee, the presiding officer of the house incurring the vacancy shall fill the vacancy within 30 days. If the office of the presiding officer becomes vacant and a vacancy occurs among the members of the committee, the remaining committee members from the house incurring the vacancy shall appoint a new

member.

(e) The committee shall

(1) monitor the military base realignment and closure activities of the federal government for bases in the state;

(2) work on specific realignments and closures proposed by the federal government for bases in the state;

(3) work with the state's congressional delegation regarding federal military base realignments and closings in the state;

(4) attend meetings and hearings related to federal realignments and closures of military bases in the state and provide testimony as necessary; and

(5) review the effect on the state and its communities of federal realignments and closures of military bases in the state.

(f) Five members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee to do business. The committee members select the chair of the committee.

(g) The committee may meet during sessions of the legislature and during intervals between sessions at the times and places as the chair of the committee may determine and may hold public hearings as necessary.

(h) Members of the committee receive the same travel and per diem allowances provided by law for members of the legislature.

(i) The committee shall prepare and submit a report of its activities to the legislature before the convening of the First Session of the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature.

(j) The committee terminates on the day the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature convenes.

(k) In this section, "committee" means the Joint Committee on Military Bases in Alaska.

*** Sec. 3.** This Act is repealed on the day the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature convenes.

*** Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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PUBLISH DATE:

Revision Date:
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Sponsor: Representative Mulder
Requestor: Representative Masek

Department Affected: Legislative Affairs Agency
BRU: Legislative Council
Component: Council & Subcommittees

COMPONENT SERIAL NO:

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
PERSONAL SERVICES	73.6	73.6	36.8	0	0	0
TRAVEL	14.4	14.4	7.0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	4.3	4.3	2.1	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0.5	0.5	0.3	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	92.8	92.8	46.2	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE FUND SOURCE	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	92.8	92.8	46.2	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUND SOURCE						
TOTAL	92.8	92.8	46.2	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)
CSHB 356 establishes a Joint Committee on Military Bases in Alaska consisting of 6 Legislators appointed by the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, 3 shall be from the House of Representatives, 3 from the Senate, and 3 public members appointed jointly by the Presiding Officers after considering the recommendations of the Mayors of Anchorage & Fairbanks, and the Commissioner of Military and Veteran's Affairs respectively. The committee will monitor federal government base realignment and closure activities in the State. They will prepare and submit a report to the Legislature prior to the convening of the 1st session of the 22nd Legislature.

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CONTINUATION OF FISCAL NOTE: CSHB 356

Personal Services	1 Legislative Assistant @ Range 21B	73,556

Travel

For the purposes of estimating travel, the Legislators apppointed to this Joint Committee on Military Bases are assumed to be 1 from Nome, 2 from Fairbanks, 2 from Anchorage and Public Members appointed to the **task force are assumed to be 1 from Fairbanks, 1 from Anchorage, 1 from Juneau, and 1 from Kodiak. The staff person is assumed to be from Anchorage and will attend the meeting of the committee.**

In State Meeting

	Per Diem	Travel
1 (2-day) Anchorage Meeting		
Anchorage - 2 Legislators/1 Public Member/1 Staff	-	-
Fairbanks - 2 Legislators/1 Public Member	1,278	1,110
Kodiak - 1 Legislator	426	216
Juneau - 1 Public Member	426	470
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1 (2-day) Fairbanks Meeting		
Anchorage - 2 Legislators/1 Public Member/1 Staff	1,448	1,480
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Kodiak - 1 Legislator	362	489
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Staff travel to necessary out of state meetings such as:
Office of Secretary of Defense - Military & Community
Base Conference, Nat'l Assoc. of Installation Developers

Washington, D.C.		672	987	
Denver, Colorado		504	577	
San Diego, California		524	530	
	Total Travel	6,790	7,631	14,421
Contractual				
Phones	$100/month	1,200		
Postage	$50/month	600		
Advertising	$800/Alaska meetings	1,600		
Conference Fees		900		
	Total Contractual	4,300		4,300
Supplies		500		500

Teleconference charges and expenses for printing the report will be absorbed by the Agency.

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Requester: Senate Finance Committee

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Personal Services	0	0	0	-	-	-
Travel	.9	.9	.5	-	-	-
Contractual	2.2	2.2	1.1	-	-	-
Supplies	0	0	0	-	-	-
Equipment	0	0	0	-	-	-
Land & Structures	0	0	0	-	-	-
Grants, Claims	0	0	0	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	-	-	-
TOTAL	3.1	3.1	1.6	-	-	-
CAPITAL	0	0	0	-	-	-
REVENUE	0	0	0	-	-	-

FUNDING: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

General Fund	3.1	3.1	1.6	-	-	-
Federal Fund	0	0	0	-	-	-
Other	0	0	0	-	-	-
TOTAL	3.1	3.1	1.6	-	-	-

POSITIONS:

Full-Time	0	0	0	-	-	-
Part-Time	0	0	0	-	-	-
Temporary	0	0	0	-	-	-

ANALYSIS: (ATTACH A SEPARATE PAGE IF NECESSARY)
see attached analysis

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill 356
Joint Committee On Military Bases In Alaska
Sponsor Statement

The Pentagon and the Secretary of Defense have recently stated that another round of Base Realignments and Closures are necessary for the United States Military to maintain its strength and rediness. In preperation of that I have introduced House Bill 356.

House Bill 356 would establish a Joint House and Senate Committee on Military Bases in Alaska. This committee would monitor the activities of a new Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission, work to strengthen the military presence in Alaska and, in the case of a reauthorized BRAC process, work with the Military, the administration and the affected community to protect our bases from closure.

This joint committee will have an existence longer than that called for in the Uniform Rules, Rules 21 (b) & (c), because of the reactivation of the federal BRAC Commission. Creating this joint committee for longer than the duration of the current 20th legislature requires a change in statute, and cannot be done by means of a concurrent resolution, hence this bill. The joint committee would expire on the date the 22nd Legislature convenes. This time frame corresponds with the activity period of BRAC, which will again be reviewing all military facilities in North America for justification of their continued existence.

The attention by BRAC given to Alaska bases in the past presents a considerable challenge, and necessitates vigilance, and a strong unified response from the legislature. The military establishment in Alaska accounts for approximately $1.7 Billion throughout the Alaskan economy. In addition, the base closures experienced to date (Adak Naval Air Facility, Erickson AFB, Galena AFB, King Salmon AFB, and Fort Greely) have shown that the process requires considerable attention on the part of state government to monitor the economic impact and the reuse potential of such base closures. This joint committee would provide that critical focus.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10 February, 1998

TO: Representative Beverly Masek

FROM: Representative Mulder

RE: HB 356 -- Scheduling for Hearing

Please schedule House Bill 356 for a hearing as soon as possible.

House Bill 356 institutes the Joint Legislative Committee on Military Bases in Alaska. Recent statements by the Secretary of Defense and other high level government officials indicate that another Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Committee be formed and another round, and possibly two, of base realignments and closures will take place across North America.

As you know in the last series of BRAC Committee closures several Alaskan military facilities were closed down including Adak Naval Facility and Fort Greely. Alaska's remaining military facilities were looked at closely by the BRAC Committee and were seriously considered for major realignment or closure. It is in the best interest of the state that we are well prepared for what may well be a devastating blow to Alaska's military strength and economy.

Thank you.

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