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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Requesting the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to reinstate its commitment to build 80 units of low and moderate income housing in Juneau.

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

WHEREAS Juneau, historically, has had a critical need for adequate housing and instituted an urban renewal program in 1963; and

WHEREAS an 80-unit low and moderate income housing project to be provided by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has been a part of the Comprehensive Plan for the Juneau Harborview Urban Renewal Area since its inception; and

WHEREAS the Comprehensive Plan for the Juneau Harborview Urban Renewal Area and the Juneau Area Housing Study have previously been formally approved by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS Juneau has planned to meet a part of the critical housing needs on the basis that the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development provide the 80 units of public housing to which it had committed itself; and

WHEREAS this 80-unit housing project is the heart of the urban renewal project and is needed to attract the other developments which are essential to the urban renewal area; and

WHEREAS, with the loss of the state capital, it is imperative that Juneau attract substantial employers to the area; and

WHEREAS adequate and affordable housing is necessary to attract any substantial employer to the area; and

WHEREAS the housing vacancy factor in both the public and private market is less than one per cent and has hovered at this level for several years; and

WHEREAS there is currently a waiting list which substantially exceeds 100 persons for the federally assisted low and moderate income housing in the Juneau area; and

WHEREAS the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has formally withdrawn its commitment to provide the 80 units of low and moderate income housing, based on the adverse impact of the capital move; and

WHEREAS the capital move is years in the future and its ultimate effect problematical in view of the area's intent to diversify its economy;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development is urgently requested to reverse its decision to withdraw its commitment to provide the 80 units of low and moderate income housing in the Juneau Harborview Urban Renewal Area Project and to proceed immediately to construct these units.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable James Lynn, Secretary, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.