

# STATE OF ALASKA

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Relating to an agreement between the Department of Defense and the Alaska Department of Labor for enforcement of the Alaskan hire requirements of sec. 8078 of the 1986 Defense Appropriations Act, and subsequent acts; and urging the Congress to extend the resident hire provision through fiscal year 1988.

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

WHEREAS, because of its unique climate and its distance from the contiguous states, Alaska has historically suffered from unique social, geographic, and economic conditions that result in an unstable economy; and

WHEREAS the unstable economy is a hardship on the residents of the state and is aggravated by the large number of seasonal and transient workers; and

WHEREAS the promotion of a resident-based workforce is a sound local, state, and federal public policy; and

WHEREAS the rate of unemployment among residents of the state is one of the highest in the nation; and

WHEREAS it is inherently fair that unemployed local residents in areas of high unemployment have first chance at being hired for jobs created by government spending in those areas; and

WHEREAS construction projects funded wholly or partially with federal funds have traditionally accounted for a substantial percentage of the available employment of the state; and

WHEREAS the federal government, in recognition of these facts, has provided for the preferential hire of Alaskan residents on Department of Defense contracts in the state in sec. 8078 of the 1986 Defense Appropriations Act; and

WHEREAS the Department of Defense, in preparation for the deployment of the Sixth Infantry Division (LIGHT), will award contracts for major construction, repair, and maintenance in

Alaska estimated at \$134,000,000 in fiscal year 1987; and

WHEREAS the Department of Defense fiscal year 1988 plan for military construction in Alaska includes contracts estimated at \$273,000,000; and

WHEREAS the state Department of Labor possesses the expertise and capability to verify compliance with regulations requiring resident hire in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Governor has requested that the Department of Defense enter into a cooperative agreement with the state Department of Labor regarding compliance monitoring and enforcement of the resident hire provisions of sec. 8078 of the 1986 Defense Appropriations Act, and subsequent acts;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the Department of Defense and the state Department of Labor to enter into an agreement under which the state would monitor and enforce compliance with sec. 8078 of the 1986 Defense Appropriations Act, and subsequent acts; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the Congress to extend the resident hire provisions of sec. 8078 through fiscal year 1988; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that should a cooperative agreement be consummated, the Alaska State Legislature directs the state Department of Labor to

(1) assist employers and labor organizations in verifying the residency of applicants and eligibility for preference under sec. 8078 and subsequent acts; and

(2) certify to the Department of Defense and its contractors the availability or nonavailability of qualified workers eligible for the resident hire provisions of sec. 8078 and subsequent acts.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of Defense; to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and to the Alaska Department of Labor.