

# STATE OF ALASKA

## THE LEGISLATURE

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Relating to schools on military bases.

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

WHEREAS schools located on Fort Richardson, Fort Wainwright, Fort Greeley, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Eielson Air Force Base, Adak Naval Station, and the Kodiak Coast Guard Support Center are operated by the local school district or rural educational attendance area; and

WHEREAS the federal government owns these schools; and

WHEREAS most of these school buildings are significantly below building standards when compared to other schools within these areas; and

WHEREAS the local school districts are expressly prohibited from conducting major maintenance or selling general obligation bonds to raise money for these schools; and

WHEREAS the state has appropriated funds to provide for the maintenance of these schools at a time when state revenue is in severe decline; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Impact Aid has made a commitment to provide major assistance for school maintenance; and

WHEREAS schools on military bases in the state are the second highest national priority of the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS repairs by the federal government may not begin for another two to three years due to a federal program of resurveying maintenance needs at these schools, known as the Dole Study; and

WHEREAS parents of children attending these schools believe their children could receive better treatment and that federal officials have not been responsive to their concerns;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the federal government is requested to carry out its responsibility for necessary replacement, repair, or upgrade work on schools located on Fort Richardson, Fort Wainwright, Fort Greely, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Eielson Air Force Base, Adak Naval Station, and the Kodiak Coast Guard Support Center; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that after necessary replacement, repair, or upgrade work is completed consideration should be given to transferring ownership of the schools to those local school districts that desire to assume ownership or to the state.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, U.S. Senator and chair of the defense subcommittee of the Senate appropriations committee; the Honorable John P. Murtha, U.S. Representative and chair of the defense subcommittee of the House appropriation committee; 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; the Honorable Richard Cheney, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Defense; the Honorable Lauro Cavazos, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education; the Honorable William G. Demmert, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Education; and to the superintendents of the Anchorage, Kodiak, and Fairbanks school districts and the Adak and Delta/Greely regional educational attendance areas.