

# STATE OF ALASKA

## THE LEGISLATURE

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Relating to housing programs of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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

WHEREAS an inadequate supply of housing units for rural and low-income residents of Alaska exists despite the housing constructed in the urban areas of the state; and

WHEREAS a recent study completed by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs documented a statewide need for 6,700 units for Alaska Natives alone and also found that a majority of the existing housing units surveyed were substandard; and

WHEREAS the demand for housing for low-income and rural residents of the state is growing; and

WHEREAS the number of units built by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1988 did not meet the need for new housing units and, in fact, represents a substantial reduction in the number of units from previous years' efforts by the department; and

WHEREAS the present federal budget does not contain an appropriation for use by regional housing authorities of money for housing construction; and

WHEREAS further reduction in the number of housing units funded in the state by the Congress and the department would leave many individuals in substandard housing; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska has recognized the demand for improved housing for low-income and rural residents by appropriating \$3,500,000 in each of the last two years to regional housing authorities in order to encourage federal participation;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress of the United States and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development are urged to maintain housing programs in the State of Alaska at or above their 1988 levels.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jack Kemp, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs; the Honorable John McCain, Ranking Minority Member of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs; the Honorable Morris K. Udall, Chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; and 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.