

Presented by: Assemblymember
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Drafted by:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2142

A Resolution in Support of the Concept of Establishing Multiple, Municipally Owned, State Operated Prisons.

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska recognizes the pressing need to reduce overcrowding in its prisons and bring home the 800 plus prisoners that are presently housed in out-of-state correctional facilities, and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska expends approximately \$18 million annually to transport and house prisoners in out-of-state facilities; funds that if expended in the State of Alaska could significantly benefit state and local economies, and

WHEREAS, the development of new or expanded prisons in Alaska's municipalities would benefit Alaskans by providing much needed construction and permanent, year-round prison jobs, and

WHEREAS, maintaining prisoners within the State allows for them to be closer to their families and culture which enhances the potential for prisoner rehabilitation, and

WHEREAS, expansions of many of Alaska's existing prisons can be accomplished more cost effectively than by constructing new prisons, and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Department of Corrections has a longstanding history of providing consistent correctional practices that protect the public's safety, allow for community participation through government to government transactions and address statewide and regional correction needs;

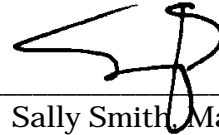
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. That the City and Borough of Juneau supports the general concept of a comprehensive state-wide approach to prison development, whereby the financial and rehabilitative benefits of expanding existing prisons are equally considered with the development of new prisons.

Section 2. That new or expanded prisons may be owned by the municipalities and operated by the State of Alaska Department of Corrections under a long-term lease with the municipalities.

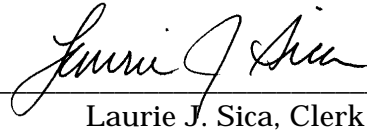
Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 25th day of February, 2002.



Sally Smith, Mayor

Attest:



Laurie J. Sica, Clerk