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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1504

A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT SENATE BILL NO. 60, SENATE BILL NO. 61, COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 152, AND HOUSE BILL NO. 153, WHICH LEGISLATION ADDRESSES HOMELESSNESS AND LOW-INCOME HOUSING NEEDS IN ALASKA.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Legislature is currently considering several legislative proposals addressing homelessness and low-income housing needs in Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau's Low Income Housing Task Force has reviewed the pending legislation and has recommended that the Assembly urge the Alaska Legislature to adopt legislation relating to financing for low-income housing, security and utility deposit assistance programs for low-income persons, and the consolidation and improved coordination of state housing programs, and

WHEREAS, the need for low-income housing in Alaska is ever increasing, and

WHEREAS, security deposits and other up-front expenses are one of the barriers facing low-income persons in securing housing, and

WHEREAS, SB No. 60 establishes a security deposit assistance program within the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs which would guarantee rental security deposits for low-income persons provided they have demonstrated an ability to otherwise afford housing, and

WHEREAS, SB No. 61 establishes a utility deposit guarantee program similar to the security deposit assistance program provided for in SB No. 60, and

WHEREAS, many of the state's existing housing programs have been fragmented into numerous different offices, agencies, and divisions, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide consolidated and coordinated housing functions within state government, and

WHEREAS, long-term financing for constructing low-income housing is presently very difficult to obtain, and

WHEREAS, CSHB No. 152 and HB No. 153 together would establish an Alaska Housing Commission, which would consolidate housing-related policy-making to improve the delivery of housing services, and the Alaska Housing Trust Fund, which would provide financing for affordable housing, as well as appropriate $100 million to the trust fund from the unrestricted revenues of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation;

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

1. That the Assembly urges the Alaska Legislature to adopt SB No. 60, SB No. 61, CSHB No. 152, and HB No. 153 during the first session of the Sixteenth Legislature, which legislation will assist in meeting the critical need for available and affordable housing for low-income persons and the homeless throughout the State of Alaska.

2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 15th day of April, 1991.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk