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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2026-59

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT**
2 **OF ALASKA HOUSE BILL 184 AND SENATE BILL 14 RELATING TO**
3 **FINANCING BY THE ALASKA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT**
4 **AUTHORITY FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**
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7 **WHEREAS**, State House Bill 184 (HB 184), sponsored by Representative Andi
8 Story, and Senate Bill 14 (SB 14), sponsored by Senator Forrest Dunbar, are
9 currently under consideration by the Alaska State Legislature and are intended to
10 boost workforce housing development across the state; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, Alaska is experiencing a persistent and statewide housing shortage
13 that affects communities of all sizes, including urban, suburban, and rural areas,
14 and is not confined to a single region of the state; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, insufficient housing supply has contributed to rising housing costs,
17 reduced affordability, and increased barriers for employers seeking to recruit and
18 retain workers; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, housing production is both a critical economic driver and a workforce
21 retention mechanism supporting job growth, stabilizing local economies, and
22 ensuring that teachers, health care workers, public safety personnel, and private-
23 sector employees can live in the communities they serve; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to remove unnecessary barriers to
26 construction, modernize land use practices, and facilitate timely approval of
27 housing projects in order to increase overall housing supply; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, over the past four years, the Municipality has carried out a
30 multipronged campaign to cut red tape and incentivize housing development,
31 including making it easier to build multi-family housing, converting hotels to low
32 income housing, creating tax incentives for rehabilitated housing and large multi-
33 unit developments, simplifying zoning and building code processes that slowed
34 housing development, and creating short-term rental registration to track the
35 impact of that industry on housing; and
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37 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality's housing work has shown early signs of success
38 with an increase in multi-family housing permits in 2025 and several new large

1 multi-family developments on the horizon, and while the Municipality continues to
2 address code and process improvements, a lack of funding for housing
3 development is a major barrier that cannot be addressed by the Municipality alone;
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6 **WHEREAS**, HB 184 and SB 14 provide a meaningful step forward by clarifying
7 that the Alaska Industrial Development Export Authority (AIDEA) may provide
8 various means of financing for construction of new workforce housing facilities that
9 contain five or more dwelling units; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, state-level action through HB 184 and SB 14 have the potential to
12 complement municipal initiatives and provide additional resources and financing
13 necessary to stimulate housing development in Anchorage and statewide; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, expanding workforce housing availability will strengthen Alaska's
16 economic competitiveness, improve labor force participation, and enhance
17 community stability across the state.

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19 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**

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21 **Section 1.** The Municipality expresses its strong support for HB 184 and SB 14
22 and the bills' intent to provide financing that will increase workforce housing
23 development throughout Alaska.

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25 **Section 2.** The Anchorage Assembly and Mayor urge the Alaska State
26 Legislature to pass this important legislation and encourages continued
27 collaboration between state and local governments to accelerate housing
28 production, reduce regulatory barriers, and address Alaska's statewide housing
29 shortage.

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31 **Section 3.** The Legislative Services Office is directed to transmit a copy of this
32 resolution to the Alaska State Legislature and the Governor of the State of Alaska.

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34 This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the
35 Assembly.

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38 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of
39 _____, 2026.

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44 Chair _____

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46 ATTEST:

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50 Municipal Clerk