

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 22-046**

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AIR NO. 2022-163**

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AND THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF HB 350 TO END THE SCHOOL BOND DEBT REIMBURSEMENT MORATORIUM.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Constitution mandates that the Alaska Legislature establish and maintain public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Legislature has established a framework in Title 14 of the Alaska Statutes to provide for local administration of schools in incorporated municipalities;

WHEREAS, various provisions of AS 14.11 pertain to a program of the State of Alaska whereby the State provides reimbursement to local governments for school bond debt AS 14.11; and

WHEREAS, the program existed for several decades without interruption and further solidified a framework whereby the state and local governments shared the costs of local education; and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2015, the State of Alaska placed a moratorium on the program; and

WHEREAS, the program moratorium was later extended to July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, HB 350 is a bill to end the moratorium as of July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Schools, including construction and major renovation of school buildings, comprises a major portion of local expenditures; and

WHEREAS, ending the moratorium and allowing local governments to once again engage in cost sharing with the State will return to the historical framework which was in place for decades, provide safe and efficient schools for children in Alaska, and restore a portion of the Alaska Legislature's constitutionally mandated duty to provide for public schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly and the Anchorage Municipal Assembly support HB 350 to end the moratorium on the school bond debt reimbursement program.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 3 day of May, 2022.


EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Yundt, Tew, Sumner, and Bernier

Submitted by: Assembly Chair LaFrance
Prepared by: Municipal Clerk's Office
Reviewed by: Assembly Counsel's Office
For reading: May 10, 2022

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY CHAIR TO SIGN A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AND THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF HB 350 TO END THE SCHOOL BOND DEBT REIMBURSEMENT MORATORIUM.

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly meet in joint meetings on an ad hoc basis, and at joint meetings, discuss issues of mutual concern in their meetings, including topics such as school bond debt; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly has asked the Anchorage Assembly to adopt the attached proposed joint resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough unanimously approved Resolution Serial No. 22-046 on May 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough have the mutual interest in protecting the taxpayers in their respective communities and joining together to encourage the Alaska State Legislature to pass HB 350 to end the moratorium on state cost sharing of school bond debt, and restore a portion of the Alaska Legislature's constitutionally mandated duty to provide for public schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES

Section 1. The Anchorage Assembly Chair is authorized to sign the attached proposed joint resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly and the Anchorage Assembly, or a joint resolution in substantially the same format, in support of HB 350 to end the school bond debt reimbursement moratorium.

Section 2. The Municipal Clerk's Office is directed to attach the final signed joint resolution to this resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 10th day of May, 2022.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk