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Relating to support for therapeutic courts for repeat driving while under the influence offenders.

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

WHEREAS the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature enacted legislation establishing pilot therapeutic court models and establishing standards for court-ordered treatment programs; and

WHEREAS pilot courts in Anchorage and Bethel are applying the therapeutic court model effectively, and the communities of Juneau, Fairbanks, and Ketchikan and the Alaska Court System are in the process of developing therapeutic courts for driving while under the influence (DUI) and other substance offenders; and

WHEREAS the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has instituted a national program to provide federal funds for the startup of DUI therapeutic courts; and

WHEREAS the participation of the Department of Law and its local district attorney offices, the Public Defender Agency, and the Department of Corrections, division of probation and parole, is vital to the startup of these courts;

BE IT RESOLVED that

(1) the legislature supports the efforts of therapeutic courts to reduce DUI crime, thereby reducing public harm and saving public costs;

(2) the Department of Law, the Public Defender Agency, and the Department of Corrections, division of probation and parole, are encouraged to actively participate in the startup of therapeutic courts in Fairbanks, Ketchikan, and other communities where there is a large population of DUI offenders and local support for therapeutic courts.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gregg Renkes, Alaska Attorney General; the Honorable Alexander O. Bryner, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court; the Honorable Mike Miller, Commissioner, Department of Administration; the Honorable Stephanie J. Cole, Administrative Director, Alaska Court System; the Honorable Barbara Brink, Public Defender; and the Honorable Marc Antrim, Commissioner, Department of Corrections.