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Encouraging the Department of Corrections to provide canned Alaska pink salmon to inmates of the Alaska prison system.

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

WHEREAS pink salmon is an inexpensive source of omega-3 fatty acids, which have been shown to decrease the risk of heart disease, inflammatory processes, and certain cancers; and

WHEREAS Alaska salmon has been linked to improvements in or prevention of certain kinds of cancer, ulcerative colitis, psoriasis, arthritis, asthma, lupus erythematosus, depression, and certain kinds of mental illness; and

WHEREAS most people can improve their health by consuming salmon in their diet two to four times a week; and

WHEREAS improved health of inmates will reduce medical treatment costs for inmates of the Alaska prison system; and

WHEREAS salmon is a traditional Alaska food; and

WHEREAS Alaska prisoners who are housed outside of the state receive little or no

Alaska foods in their diets; and

WHEREAS inventories of canned Alaska pink salmon are available in the state for Alaska correctional facilities and in Seattle for shipping to correctional facilities outside of Alaska that house Alaska prisoners, including the Florence Correctional Center in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, at the beginning of the 2003 salmon fishing season, a projected stock of 60,000,000 tall (14.75 ounce) cans of pink salmon will remain in surplus, with another strong year of pink salmon returns predicted for the 2003 fishing season;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully encourages the Department of Corrections to provide canned Alaska pink salmon to Alaska inmates housed in correctional facilities in the state and to Alaska inmates housed in correctional facilities outside of the state three times a week to promote inmate health and cultural well-being.