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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

Relating to the establishment of physician-anesthetist teams to be transported to certain communities.

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

WHEREAS the need for removing tonsils and adenoids when indicated has become the greatest health problem among the people of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the neglecting or delaying of this surgery sometimes results in serious disease or death and often results in impaired or lost hearing thus preventing attainment of one's full potential in education and employment; and

WHEREAS the present policy of moving patients needing this surgery from their communities to the nearest hospital is impractical and needlessly expensive; and

WHEREAS it has been shown that teams and equipment transported by air and consisting of a physician and an anesthetist can safely, effectively and inexpensively perform this surgery in any building where electricity is available and there is reasonable protection against the weather;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Health and Welfare and the Department of Administration to study this problem with the Alaska State Medical Association, the Alaska State Association of Nurse Anesthetists, and the Alaska Native Health Service to determine the feasibility of a program whereby a team consisting of a physician and an anesthetist could be transported by air into communities where there was a need for the removal of tonsils