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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

Relating to a plan for temporary replacement of physicians on annual leave.

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

WHEREAS in many small communities in the state physicians carry very heavy workloads and are unable to schedule or pay for a replacement for the annual rest, recreation, or post-graduate study which is available to almost all physicians in other states; and

WHEREAS this situation results in communities being left without medical service during an annual leave, or in physicians foregoing necessary leave to the detriment of their medical practice and family life; and

WHEREAS this dilemma has forced many excellent physicians to leave this already medically understaffed state; and

WHEREAS in the past, certain medical schools have supplied resident physician replacements to Alaska communities on a scheduled basis and this plan has proved successful;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Health and Welfare, after consultation with the Alaska State Medical Association, the University of Kansas and University of Washington state medical schools, and the Duke University School of Medicine, the American Medical Association, the Ford Foundation, the Sears Foundation, and the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, to develop a plan for obtaining a regular supply of qualified physicians to take the place of Alaska physicians desiring 30 - 90 days annual leave for recreation, rest, and post-graduate

education, and to present this plan to the next legislature.