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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

Relating to treatment of problem drinkers and alcoholics.

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

WHEREAS the majority of arrests in Alaska are for offenses involving the abuse of the beverage alcohol; and

WHEREAS the present "revolving door" policy of repeated arrest and incarceration has proven unsuccessful in the rehabilitation of problem drinkers and alcoholics; and

WHEREAS each unrehabilitated problem drinker or alcoholic detrimentally affects the health and quality of life of at least four additional persons; and

WHEREAS a person afflicted with a drinking problem or alcoholism can, through a comprehensive and coordinated program of treatment, be restored to health and a productive life; and

WHEREAS the continuation of problem drinkers and alcoholics in an unrehabilitated status is a costly and unnecessary waste of our "human resources";

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to direct all appropriate agencies and facilities of the state to initiate a comprehensive and coordinated program of treatment for problem drinkers and alcoholics, and to replace the present negative policy of punishment with a positive program of rehabilitation and restoration.