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Relating to the payment of extended unemployment benefits.

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

WHEREAS the extended unemployment benefits program is designed to continue the payment of unemployment insurance benefits after regular unemployment benefits have expired in states with an unemployment rate for insured workers which exceeds five percent; and

WHEREAS Alaska has been paying extended unemployment benefits continuously since 1975; and

WHEREAS Alaska is only one of three states currently paying extended unemployment benefits; and

WHEREAS the Alaska unemployment compensation law has provisions which, in order to comply with 26 U.S.C. 3304, require the payment of benefits to interstate claimants; and

WHEREAS extended unemployment benefits are paid to claimants who have worked in Alaska but who reside in states with an unemployment rate for insured workers which does not justify the payment of those benefits;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Congress is respectfully requested to amend 26 U.S.C. 3304 to allow a state to pay extended unemployment benefits to interstate claimants only if they reside in a state which may also pay extended unemployment benefits.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable David L. Boren, Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Unemployment and Related Problems; the Honorable Harrison A. Williams, Chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources

Committee; the Honorable Carl D. Perkins, Chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee; Mr. Lawrence E. Weatherford, Administrator, Unemployment Insurance Service, U.S. Department of Labor; and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.