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Establishing a Senate Special Committee on Suicide Prevention.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

WHEREAS an estimated 29,000 persons committed suicide in the United States in 1984; and

WHEREAS in 1983 and 1984 there were 195 legally determined suicides in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the suicide rate in the state is 50 percent higher than the national rate; and

WHEREAS the suicide rate among Alaska Natives is four times the national rate; and

WHEREAS the suicide rate among Alaskans aged 15 to 24 is more than three times the national rate for that age group; and

WHEREAS the suicide rate among Alaska Native men aged 15 to 24 is more than 14 times the national rate for that age group; and

WHEREAS suicide is the second leading cause of death among persons aged 15 to 24 in the United States;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that a Senate Special Committee on Suicide Prevention is established consisting of five members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom shall be named by the president to chair the committee; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall

(1) investigate the problem of suicide in the state, especially among Alaska Natives and among young persons;

(2) review programs that have shown success in the prevention and treatment of suicide;

(3) report its findings and make recommendations to the Senate; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee may meet during and between sessions of the legislature, and shall terminate upon the convening of the First Session of the Sixteenth Alaska State Legislature.