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Relating to residential services for Alaskans with developmental disabilities and other substantial handicaps.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the Senate recognizes the innate dignity, value, and rights of Alaskans with developmental disabilities and other substantial handicaps; and

WHEREAS the continued improvement of the quality of life for Alaskans with developmental disabilities and other substantial handicaps is a concern of all Alaskans; and

WHEREAS the Senate recognizes the importance of a full range of services supporting opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities and other substantial handicaps to demonstrate increased participation and independence in employment, education, and activities of daily living; and

WHEREAS the Senate recognizes that it is desirable that delivery of social services to individuals with developmental disabilities and other substantial handicaps be made in the least restrictive manner, consistent with ensuring each individual's health, safety, and growth; and

WHEREAS it is important that the active exploration of a full continuum of services continue; and

WHEREAS state law has recognized and incorporated a policy of minimal institutionalization since 1978; and

WHEREAS the long-term security of Alaskans with developmental disabilities and other substantial handicaps can be ensured only through the provision of a full range of residential services; and

WHEREAS a full range of residential services must include a zero reject model of service and must have the ability to provide emergency care, crisis care, and long-term support for Alaskans with developmental disabilities and other substantial handicaps;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate respectfully requests the Governor to support, and to direct the appropriate departments and agencies to support, the continuation of state support for a full continuum of residential services, including zero reject alternatives and long-term security for Alaskans with developmental disabilities and other substantial handicaps who require lifelong support.