

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Judiciary

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to support for therapeutic courts for repeat driving while under the influence**
2 **offenders.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature enacted legislation
5 establishing pilot therapeutic court models and establishing standards for court-ordered
6 treatment programs; and

7 **WHEREAS** pilot courts in Anchorage and Bethel are applying the therapeutic court
8 model effectively, and the communities of Juneau, Fairbanks, and Ketchikan and the Alaska
9 Court System are in the process of developing therapeutic courts for driving while under the
10 influence (DUI) and other substance offenders; and

11 **WHEREAS** the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has instituted a
12 national program to provide federal funds for the startup of DUI therapeutic courts; and

13 **WHEREAS** the participation of the Department of Law and its local district attorney
14 offices and the Public Defender Agency is vital to the startup of these courts;

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** that

16 (1) the legislature supports the efforts of therapeutic courts to reduce DUI

1 crime, thereby reducing public harm and saving public costs;

2 (2) the Department of Law and the Public Defender Agency are encouraged to
3 actively participate in the startup of therapeutic courts in Fairbanks, Ketchikan, and other
4 communities where there is a large population of DUI offenders and local support for
5 therapeutic courts.

6 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gregg Renkes, Alaska
7 Attorney General; the Honorable Alexander O. Bryner, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme
8 Court; the Honorable Mike Miller, Commissioner, Department of Administration; and to the
9 Honorable Stephanie J. Cole, Administrative Director, Alaska Court System.