

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to establishing a Joint Legislative Certificate of Need Task Force.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** Alaskans clearly believe in the value of the quality of medical care,
4 delivery, and service; and

5 **WHEREAS** the legislature finds that the present certificate of need program should
6 be studied for possible modification and improvement; and

7 **WHEREAS** an alternative mechanism to the existing certificate of need program may
8 be desirable; and

9 **WHEREAS** the Certificate of Need Negotiated Regulations Committee Report
10 indicated 88.89 percent of its members voted against fully eliminating the certificate of need;

11 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Joint Legislative
12 Certificate of Need Task Force is established for the purpose of examining the certificate of
13 need program in Alaska; and be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the duties of the task force include

15 (1) evaluating the current certificate of need program;

16 (2) recommending improvements to the laws relating to certificates of need;

1 (3) taking public comments on the certificate of need program; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force consists of 15 members as follows:

3 (1) two members shall be from the senate appointed by the president of the
4 senate;

5 (2) two members shall be from the house of representatives appointed by the
6 speaker of the house of representatives; and

7 (3) nine members shall be public members appointed jointly by the president
8 of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives as follows:

9 (A) one member with expertise in large hospital management;

10 (B) one member with expertise in small hospital management;

11 (C) one member of the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home
12 Association;

13 (D) one physician member who is affiliated with a surgery center;

14 (E) one physician member who is affiliated with a diagnostic imaging
15 clinic;

16 (F) one member of the Alaska State Medical Association;

17 (G) one member of the American Association of Retired Persons;

18 (H) two public members who do not represent a group under (A) - (G)
19 of this paragraph;

20 (4) the commissioner of the health and social services, or the commissioner's
21 designee;

22 (5) one public member who does not represent a group under (3)(A) - (G) of
23 this clause appointed by the governor; and be it

24 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the president of the senate and the speaker of the house
25 of representatives shall jointly appoint the chair and vice-chair of the task force; and be it

26 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall meet at least six times and not more
27 than 10 times; one meeting must be for invited testimony of groups with a special interest in
28 the certificate of need program; and be it

29 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall submit a report of its findings and
30 recommended legislation to the governor and the legislature by November 15, 2008, and may
31 submit any additional reports it considers necessary; and be it

1 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Legislative Certificate of Need Task Force is
2 terminated January 20, 2009.