

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4

TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

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Relating to governmental reorganization.

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WHEREAS, the government of the Territory of Alaska is en-  
7 cumbered with a multitude of semi-independent departments, boards,  
8 commissions, councils, committees, offices, and other agencies,  
9 approximating seventy in number, many of which should be abolish-  
10 ed; and

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WHEREAS, the present governmental administrative structure  
12 results in conflicting and overlapping jurisdiction and a lack of  
13 proper coordination between governmental units, thereby causing  
14 inefficiency, additional expense and poorer services to the people  
15 of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, the Twenty-third Legislature believes it to be in  
17 the best interests of the Territory that a sweeping reorganization  
18 of the administrative branch of government be made; and

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WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Alaska, as ratified  
20 by the people, sets forth a framework for the executive branch of  
21 government;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the  
23 Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third Session assembled, that the  
24 Legislative Council be, and is hereby, directed to study and pro-  
25 pose a plan for the reorganization of the administrative branch  
26 of the Territorial government and to prepare necessary legislation  
27 for introduction into the Twenty-fourth Territorial Legislature or  
28 the First State Legislature, whichever convenes next; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the reorganization plan attempt

1 to reduce the existing governmental units into substantially the  
2 following groupings:

3 1. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. Department of  
4 Natural Resources, to include among others, the Department of  
5 Lands, Department of Fish and Game, Department of Land, Department  
6 of Mines, Soil Conservation Board, Fisheries Experimental Commis-  
7 sion, Agricultural Loan Board and Oil and Gas Conservation Commis-  
8 sion.

9 2. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WELFARE, LABOR AND EDUCATION.  
10 Department of Health, Education, Labor and Welfare to include  
11 among others, the Department of Health, Department of Education,  
12 Department of Public Welfare, Board of Juvenile Institutions,  
13 Library and Museum Commission, Department of Library Services,  
14 Alaska Pioneers Home, Western Interstate Commission for Higher  
15 Education, World War II Veterans Board, Board for Care of Sick and  
16 Disabled Fishermen, Veterans Service Council, Coal Miners Examin-  
17 ing Board, Department of Labor, Employment Security Commission,  
18 Hospital Advisory Board.

19 3. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. Department of Public  
20 Works to include among others, the Department of Aviation, Depart-  
21 ment of Highways, and Superintendent of Public Works.

22 4. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. Department of Public  
23 Safety to include among others, the Alaska National Guard, Depart-  
24 ment of Civil Defense, Civil Air Patrol, Department of Territorial  
25 Police, and Alaska Safety Council,  
26 and any other major Departments as the Legislative Council may  
27 recommend.

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