

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATORS BELTZ AND
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2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO.8

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 TO THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE; SURGEON GEN-
6 ERAL OF THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE; THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS
7 FROM ALASKA; AND THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA:

8 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,
9 in Twenty-Third Regular Session assembled, respectfully repre-
10 sents that:

11 WHEREAS, the Public Health Service, a branch of the Depart-
12 ment of Health, Education, and Welfare after July 1, 1955 have
13 owned and operated hospitals for Alaska Natives throughout Alaska;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, within Alaska there are two agencies carrying out
16 health programs, namely the U.S. Public Health Service, a Feder-
17 al agency, and the Territorial Department of Health, which leads
18 to confusion, inefficiency and duplication; and

19 WHEREAS, the Ferran team, which has reported on Alaska's
20 health problems in 1954, recommended that unification of admin-
21 istration of health service in Alaska would result in more services
22 more economically rendered because of unified policy and simpli-
23 fied administration; and

24 WHEREAS, the Congress recognizing that it would be more effi-
25 cient, economical and following sound principles, enacted legis-
26 lation to authorize the Secretary of Health, Education, and Wel-
27 fare to enter into contracts with State and Territorial agencies
28 to perform special duties and functions; and

29 WHEREAS, a plan for the consolidation of all Alaska Native

1 Health Services under the Alaska Department of Health was pre-
2 pared and submitted to the Surgeon General on February 1, 1957;

3 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
4 Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-Third Regular Session assembled,
5 respectfully urges that the Department of Health, Education, and
6 Welfare, through the Public Health Service, enter into appropriate
7 contracts with the Territory of Alaska for the operation and
8 maintenance and staffing of all hospitals for Alaska Natives
9 within Alaska, and it is further urged that such contracts be all
10 inclusive and comprehensive so that the Territorial Government
11 or an agency, bureau or department thereof will not, through such
12 contracts, be obligated for any costs of administration, operation,
13 maintenance or staffing.

14 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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