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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to appropriations.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE IN SECOND LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION
7 ASSEMBLED, THE HOUSE CONCURRING:

8 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Alaska and the
9 statutes enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska have
10 placed certain strict and clearly defined responsibilities upon the
11 executive branch and other agencies of the state to carry out
12 government programs for the benefit of all the residents of the
13 state; and

14 WHEREAS, such government programs cannot be efficiently ad-
15 ministered when officials are so unduly restricted by excessive
16 monetary controls and limitations as to remove all managerial
17 flexibility and prerogative; and

18 WHEREAS, the Legislature has at its disposal forms of effec-
19 tive control over agency expenditures other than that imposed by
20 the use of restrictive line-item appropriations, such as, for
21 example, the authority to require reports of all receipts, obliga-
22 tions, and disbursements for one fiscal period, and the authority
23 to require the submission of detailed line-item budgets as a fur-
24 ther basis of support for appropriation requests for the ensuing
25 fiscal period, as well as the constitutional authority for exercis-
26 ing post-audit review to determine compliance with the law and the
27 legislative intent;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, First
29 Session assembled, the House of Representatives concurring, that

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1 the Senate and House Finance Committees be advised of the desire
2 and intent of the members of the Legislature that appropriations
3 be made by the Legislature, to the maximum extent possible, in the
4 nature of lump-sum appropriations, as distinct from that of line-
5 item appropriations, in order to allow the department and division
6 heads of the state the necessary degree of program flexibility
7 that is commensurate with and a vital concomitant to the responsi-
8 bilities which have been placed upon them.

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