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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE
AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the acquisition and
6 use of facilities at Whittier
7 for a state penitentiary.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS the State of Alaska does not have a centralised penal institu-
10 tion; and

11 WHEREAS developments in recent months in Anchorage and Juneau have shown
12 the inadequacy of the state's existing detention system; and

13 WHEREAS the cost to the state of building a completely new penal insti-
14 tution would be excessive; and

15 WHEREAS the already existing federal surplus facilities at Whittier
16 include well constructed buildings, workshops, and recreational areas that
17 could easily and with great savings to the state be converted into a state
18 penitentiary; and

19 WHEREAS other western states have the same or similar problems of pro-
20 viding detention facilities and have already contacted Alaskan authorities
21 concerning placing some of their people in the McLaughlen Youth Center; and

22 WHEREAS a Whittier project could conceivably furnish care and rehabili-
23 tation for prisoners from other states under a contract which would pay the
24 expense of the project and help acquire the needed property and facilities;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully requests
26 the Governor to direct the Department of Health and Welfare to make a complete
27 study of the feasibility of purchasing the surplus facilities at Whittier
28 from the federal government for the purpose of building a state penitentiary
29 and study the possibility of contracting with other western states to care

1 for some of their prisoners and to report its findings and recommendations
2 to the Second Session of the Fifth Legislature.

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