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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Directing the Legislative Council to  
6 make a study and report on the feasi-  
7 bility of the state compensating  
8 victims of crimes of violence.

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

10 WHEREAS the state willingly expends large sums of money in fighting  
11 crime and in sheltering and rehabilitating criminals, its only interest in  
12 the victim is as a possible witness in a criminal prosecution; and

13 WHEREAS members of society who chance to fall victim to crime are often  
14 left with years of disability, loss of income and huge medical bills; and

15 WHEREAS the state's obligation to its citizens should extend not only  
16 when the crime has caused a complete financial disaster, entitling the  
17 victim to public welfare, but to help prevent these disasters by compensation  
18 to the victims; and

19 WHEREAS the countries of England and New Zealand and the states of New  
20 York and California have already seen the wisdom of enacting legislation  
21 which in some manner compensates the victims of crimes; and

22 WHEREAS recently the National Crime Commission and the National Associa-  
23 tion of Chiefs of Police endorsed the principle of state compensation;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Council is directed to conduct a  
25 full study concerning the feasibility of the state compensating victims of  
26 crimes of violence and report its findings in the form of a report, including  
27 its recommendations to the Fifth Legislature, Second Session.