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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to an adequate staff of safety
6 inspectors in the Department of Labor
7 and requesting that a study be made of
8 present and future needs.

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

10 WHEREAS there is inconclusive but strong evidence that industrial
11 accident rates in Alaska are higher than in any of the other 49 states; and

12 WHEREAS there is also evidence that the present safety code of the
13 Department of Labor could serve to lower this accident rate if properly
14 enforced; and

15 WHEREAS experience has shown that proper enforcement requires continual
16 inspection by experienced safety personnel; and

17 WHEREAS the Department of Labor's present safety inspection staff
18 appears grossly inadequate;

19 BE IT RESOLVED that the Fifth State Legislature respectfully requests
20 the Governor to direct the Department of Labor to conduct a study of its
21 present safety program with the objective of making recommendations as to an
22 adequate safety inspection staff and report its findings to the Sixth
23 Legislature, First Session.

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