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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of
6 physician-anesthetist teams to be
7 transported to certain communities.

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

9 WHEREAS the need for removing tonsils and adenoids when indicated has
10 become the greatest health problem among the people of Alaska; and

11 WHEREAS the neglecting or delaying of this surgery sometimes results in
12 serious disease or death and often results in impaired or lost hearing thus
13 preventing attainment of one's full potential in education and employment;
14 and

15 WHEREAS the present policy of moving patients needing this surgery from
16 their communities to the nearest hospital is impractical and needlessly
17 expensive; and

18 WHEREAS it has been shown that teams and equipment transported by air
19 and consisting of a physician and an anesthetist can safely, effectively and
20 inexpensively perform this surgery in any building where electricity is
21 available and there is reasonable protection against the weather;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the governor is respectfully requested to direct
23 the Department of Health and Welfare and the Department of Administration to
24 study this problem with the Alaska State Medical Association, the Alaska
25 State Association of Nurse Anesthetists, and the Alaska Native Health Service
26 to determine the feasibility of a program whereby a team consisting of a
27 physician and an anesthetist could be transported by air into communities
28 where there was a need for the removal of tonsils and adenoids, and to re-
29 port their findings to the Sixth Legislature.

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