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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting a study of criminal sentences
6 by the state judiciary.

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

8 WHEREAS there is a strong feeling on the part of many people of the
9 state, that the Alaska judiciary is being too lenient in its sentencing by
10 imposing too many suspended sentences and too many sentences that are not
11 sufficiently severe; and

12 WHEREAS the growing concern of these people promotes fear and detracts
13 from the support of and faith in the judicial system;

14 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature respectfully requests the Chief
15 Justice of the Supreme Court to undertake a study of the present sentencing
16 practices of all courts of the state, excluding magistrate courts, and con-
17 duct a seminar for all judges and justices of the state, excluding magistrates,
18 for the purposes of expressing to them the disapprobation of the people,
19 of analysing current sentencing practice and theory and of bringing to
20 all parties concerned a greater understanding of criminal sentencing and
21 procedure; and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Justice report his findings, conclu-
23 sions and any recommendations for legislation he may have to the First
24 Session of the Sixth Legislature.