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BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE, AND
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting a study of the cost of living
6 in various remote areas of the state.

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

8 WHEREAS there is a great difference between the costs of living in the
9 various remote areas of the state, the justification for which is not
10 apparent; and

11 WHEREAS the cost-of-living survey and analysis prepared by the Alaska
12 Agricultural Experimental Station in Palmer only covers grocery costs and
13 does not include a sufficient number of the remote cities and villages; and

14 WHEREAS this type of survey and analysis permits a comparison of the
15 greatly varying costs of living in one area of the state with other areas;
16 and

17 WHEREAS this cost-of-living comparison is necessary for the determina-
18 tion of, among other things, salary considerations and differentials in
19 various areas; and

20 WHEREAS without this index of living costs, Alaskans in service to the
21 rural areas of the state will not be adequately compensated for their ser-
22 vices and this tends to discourage their continued service to the rural
23 areas, thereby creating a continual problem of replacement and recruitment;
24 and

25 WHEREAS these rural areas are recognized as places most in need of the
26 services provided by such state employees as teachers, social workers,
27 nurses, and others;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Affairs Agency is requested to
29 study the cost of living, including such items as groceries, heating oil,

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1 rent and utilities, in a selected number of representative remote cities and
2 villages throughout the state, and report its findings to the First Session
3 of the Sixth Legislature.
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