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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a plan for temporary re-  
6 placement of physicians on annual  
7 leave.

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

9 WHEREAS in many small communities in the state physicians carry very  
10 heavy workloads and are unable to schedule or pay for a replacement for the  
11 annual rest, recreation, or post-graduate study which is available to  
12 almost all physicians in other states; and

13 WHEREAS this situation results in communities being left without medi-  
14 cal service during an annual leave, or in physicians foregoing necessary  
15 leave to the detriment of their medical practice and family life; and

16 WHEREAS this dilemma has forced many excellent physicians to leave  
17 this already medically understaffed state; and

18 WHEREAS in the past, certain medical schools have supplied resident  
19 physician replacements to Alaska communities on a scheduled basis and this  
20 plan has proved successful;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct  
22 the Department of Health and Welfare, after consultation with the Alaska State  
23 Medical Association, the University of Kansas and University of Washington  
24 state medical schools, and the Duke University School of Medicine, the Ameri-  
25 can Medical Association, the Ford Foundation, the Sears Foundation, and the  
26 United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, to develop a plan  
27 for obtaining a regular supply of qualified physicians to take the place of  
28 Alaska physicians desiring 30 - 90 days annual leave for recreation, rest, and  
29 post-graduate education, and to present this plan to the next legislature.

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