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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE
AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to treatment of problem
6 drinkers and alcoholics.

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

8 WHEREAS the majority of arrests in Alaska are for offenses involving
9 the abuse of the beverage alcohol; and

10 WHEREAS the present "revolving door" policy of repeated arrest and in-
11 carceration has proven unsuccessful in the rehabilitation of problem drinkers
12 and alcoholics; and

13 WHEREAS each unrehabilitated problem drinker or alcoholic detrimentally
14 affects the health and quality of life of at least four additional persons;
15 and

16 WHEREAS a person afflicted with a drinking problem or alcoholism can,
17 through a comprehensive and co-ordinated program of treatment, be restored
18 to health and a productive life; and

19 WHEREAS the continuation of problem drinkers and alcoholics in an un-
20 rehabilitated status is a costly and unnecessary waste of our "human resources";

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to direct all appropriate
22 agencies and facilities of the state to initiate a comprehensive and co-
23 ordinated program of treatment for problem drinkers and alcoholics to replace
24 the present negative policy of punishment with a positive program of rehabili-
25 tation and restoration.

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