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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to helping service education
6 and training.

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

8 WHEREAS the level and quality of social services provided in the state
9 are highly inadequate to meet the pressing human needs of large numbers of
10 Alaskans; and

11 WHEREAS that these needs are unmet can be seen from the high incidence
12 of social problems among the population, evidenced by the soaring crime,
13 divorce, alcoholism, unemployment and poverty rates in the state; and

14 WHEREAS at least a part of the answer to a deteriorating human environ-
15 ment is to provide an excellent system of social services which will meet
16 people's needs head-on; and

17 WHEREAS one obvious approach to upgrading the quality of the social
18 services is to provide the necessary training and education for those per-
19 sons working in the helping services; and

20 WHEREAS in order for this education to be provided, educational programs
21 at the junior college, college and graduate levels to train people for the
22 helping professions must be planned for and developed; and

23 WHEREAS a planning and coordinating body called the Governor's Committee
24 on Helping Service Education is already in existence to perform the necessary
25 development work in this field, but is presently underfunded;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to provide
27 the Governor's Committee on Helping Service Education with an adequate staff
28 and budget to conduct the necessary planning and development of helping ser-
29 vice educational programs at the junior college, college and graduate levels,

1 with special emphasis on the child-caring professions.

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