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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting a study to determine the
6 feasibility of a maximum security
7 correctional institution for Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS rehabilitative treatment of a criminal offender is the most
10 widely accepted and applauded objective of criminal law policy today; and

11 WHEREAS the effectiveness of rehabilitation of serious criminal offenders
12 in Alaska has been almost totally diminished due to the practice of contract-
13 ing for the transfer of prisoners to out-of-state maximum security institu-
14 tions; and

15 WHEREAS this practice places complete program control outside the state,
16 thereby eliminating any possibility for the prisoner to make contact and
17 gradual re-assimilation into his former community; and

18 WHEREAS the construction of a maximum security institution in the
19 state, if feasible, would restore a prisoner's contact with his home and
20 community, and with the institution of possible programs such as work-study
21 furloughs and part-time release programs with industry, universities and
22 therapy groups, the rehabilitative process would be greatly advanced;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth State Legislature respectfully requests
24 the Governor to direct the Department of Health and Welfare to conduct a
25 study to determine the feasibility of establishing a maximum security
26 correctional institution in Alaska.
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