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IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to treatment of problem  
drinkers and alcoholics.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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