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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

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 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 re-
21 sources";

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