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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to local employment offices

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in Northwest Alaska.

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

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WHEREAS there are a total of 87 state welfare cases and 10 to 14 BIA

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relief cases in Barrow; and

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WHEREAS there are approximately 150 to 200 unemployed persons in Barrow

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at present; and

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WHEREAS the welfare cases may increase in the near future as persons

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drawing unemployment compensation have their claims depleted; and

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WHEREAS it has been expressed by representatives of a drilling company

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and an oil company that Barrow has no office handling unemployed persons that

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can be contacted for persons interested in working in the oil fields, and

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that it cost them time and money to make a trip to Barrow when they want to

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hire people from this area; and

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WHEREAS there is over 22 million dollars in the state general fund; and

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WHEREAS the intention of a local employment office is to help the people

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of the area file for unemployment compensation and find gainful employment

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for those unemployed; and

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WHEREAS a local employment office located in Barrow would be of great

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benefit to the state as it could serve not only Barrow, but also the villages

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of Barter Island, Wainwright and possibly Point Hope; and

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WHEREAS there are also numerous unemployed persons in the Northwest

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other than those living in the Barrow area; and

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WHEREAS these persons are not served by a readily available employment

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office; and

1           WHEREAS the establishment of a local employment office in Kotzebue  
2 would be able to service not only that community but also Kivilana, Nootak,  
3 Kobuk River area, Deering, Kendall, Buckley and Sishmaraf;

4           BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixth State Legislature that the Governor is  
5 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Labor to immediately  
6 formulate plans for the establishment of a local employment service office  
7 in Barrow and Kotzebue.

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