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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE  
AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a study of "drug abuse"  
6 in Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS Alaska law currently contains provisions making the possession  
9 of, or sale of a multitude of drugs illegal including not only those covered  
10 under the Uniform Narcotic Drug Act, but also many varieties of drugs cur-  
11 rently classified as depressant, hallucinogenic or stimulant; and

12 WHEREAS the problem of "drug abuse" is one that is increasing in Alaska  
13 as well as elsewhere in the country; and

14 WHEREAS currently there are many differing reports either being worked  
15 on or that have been published which deal with the problems of "drug abuse";  
16 and

17 WHEREAS many of these reports are conflicting in nature and there is  
18 disagreement in the nation as to whether the use or possession of certain  
19 drugs should be a subject for the criminal law and whether or not existing  
20 penalties are appropriate for the activities prohibited by the law; and

21 WHEREAS it is extremely important to our citizens that the necessary  
22 information is gathered which would enable the legislature to make educated  
23 decisions concerning current drug prohibitions in our criminal law and at-  
24 tendant penalties;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Legislative Council  
26 contract with a nationally recognized scientific consulting firm to assimi-  
27 late and evaluate available information relating to "drug abuse" with the  
28 purpose of making recommendations to the Seventh Legislature, Second Session  
29 as to the need for any modification of our "drug abuse" laws and attendant

1 penalties.

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