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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to nursing education in
6 Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS Alaska Methodist University is experiencing financial diffi-
9 culties; and

10 WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of Alaska Methodist University have
11 decided to drop the four-year baccalaureate nursing program; and

12 WHEREAS we must rationalize our system of financial aid for education
13 in general and allied-health-personnel-training programs in particular; and

14 WHEREAS we should address ourselves to the delivery of adequate medical
15 care in remote rural areas; and

16 WHEREAS one of the most promising ways to expand the supply of medical
17 care to rural Alaska is through the utilization of more public health
18 nurses; and

19 WHEREAS public health nurses must be graduates of a four-year bacca-
20 laureate nursing program; and

21 WHEREAS currently there is a dire need for additional public health
22 nurses in the state and the situation will become more acute with the
23 closing of the nursing school at Alaska Methodist University;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Board of
25 Regents of the University of Alaska is urgently requested to take all action
26 necessary to institute a four-year baccalaureate nursing program to begin
27 with the fall semester in 1971.

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