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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a study of state
6 medical assistance programs.

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

8 WHEREAS the costs of medical care have skyrocketed in recent years,
9 imposing an insufferable burden on many people; and

10 WHEREAS Alaskans have not been immune to this hardship; and

11 WHEREAS some states have enacted medical assistance programs, and
12 similar proposals have been introduced in the Alaska Legislature; and

13 WHEREAS the complexity of the problem and the various solutions is so
14 great that a study, thoroughly analyzing all aspects of the problem and
15 analyzing and comparing solutions, is essential;

16 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature requests the governor to
17 direct the Department of Health and Welfare to conduct, in conjunction with
18 an independent consultant, a study of medical assistance and other possible
19 health legislation in the Alaska context, including group insurance coverage
20 for all Alaskans; and be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED that this study shall include analysis of legislation
22 in other jurisdictions, including Canadian provinces, and of United States
23 federal legislation, including new developments and proposals, with
24 consideration given to their impact on state programs; and be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting this study, the consultant and the
26 Department of Health and Welfare shall hold meetings and hearings with the
27 Alaska public, including but not limited to the Alaska health care profes-
28 sionals and insurance industry spokesmen; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Welfare, in

1 conjunction with the independent consultant, present a report of this study
2 to the Second Session of the Seventh State Legislature, giving analytical
3 and critical commentary on various programs and their costs in other
4 jurisdictions and on the impact of federal legislation on state programs,
5 proposing alternative solutions, including ones on preventive and rehabili-
6 tative health care programs, and offering draft legislation to implement
7 the various proposals, so that the 1972 session and succeeding legislatures
8 can make wise choices from the possible alternatives.

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