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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to a plan for the local

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fabrication, fitting and repair of

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spectacles.

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

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WHEREAS it is the practice of private physicians under contract or employed by the Alaska Native Health Service and the Department of Health and Social Services to test the sight of individuals throughout the state and to prescribe spectacles on the basis of these examinations; and

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WHEREAS the measuring of a patient's facial contours for suitable, attractive and safe frames is almost always left in the hands of those unskilled in the art; and

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WHEREAS present contracts between Alaska and major optical supply houses are based solely on price and result in the supplying of leftover, out-of-style, or unpopular frame styles; and

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WHEREAS there is usually a lapse of up to six months between the time of examination and the time the finished glasses are received;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Health and Social Services, in cooperation with and on the advice of the opticians in Alaska, the Alaska State Medical Association, the Alaska Native Health Service, the Alaska Optometric Association, and the Alaska Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, to immediately undertake a study, the purpose of which would be to examine the feasibility of fabricating, fitting, and repairing spectacles in locales within the various areas of the state; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Social Services shall

1 present its study to the Eighth Legislature - Second Session.

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