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Referred: Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to rehabilitation of the
6 elderly in the Pioneers' Homes, and
7 similar institutions in Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS the establishment of the Pioneers' Homes is an example of civ-
10 ilized man's recognition of his responsibility for older people no longer
11 able to fend for themselves; and

12 WHEREAS minimal recognition has been given to the application of modern
13 techniques of rehabilitation, including occupational therapy and physical
14 medicine, in the Pioneers' Homes; and

15 WHEREAS the implementation of these techniques would enhance the reha-
16 bilitative services to the elderly of Alaska and aid in maintaining and
17 improving the elderly's mobility and independence;

18 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
19 the Department of Health and Social Services to undertake a study of all
20 available federal and state funds which might be available for the hiring
21 of a physiatrist (M.D.), to investigate the availability and salary require-
22 ments of these vocational specialists and occupational therapists both on a
23 full and part time basis; and be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED that a specialist in psychiatry, certified by the
25 American Board of Psychiatry, and with special consideration being given to
26 professional experience in Alaska, be retained by the Department of Health
27 and Social Services to make a survey of patient rehabilitative services in
28 Pioneers' Homes and in private institutions of a similar nature, if requested,
29 and to submit a report at the earliest possible time to the Department of

1 Health and Social Services concerning his findings and recommendations,
2 including the cost of having a continuing consultant regarding these matters;
3 and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Social Services
5 report its findings to the Eighth Legislature, Second Session, within 10 days
6 after it convenes.

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