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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to emergency hospital  
6 facilities in Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS there is the ever-present danger in Alaska of destructive  
9 natural disasters occurring such as air disasters, earthquakes, floods, tidal  
10 waves and avalanches, plus others; and

11 WHEREAS even today there is a totally inadequate number of emergency  
12 beds available in the event of a disaster and the potential problem will be  
13 augmented with the great influx of persons expected during construction of  
14 the trans-Alaska pipeline; and

15 WHEREAS when disasters occur many injured persons are not able to re-  
16 ceive prompt medical care because of the delay in getting the injured to  
17 emergency quarters and this problem is always aggravated if, in order to  
18 reach medical facilities, highways and roads are crowded with the idle and  
19 the curious; and

20 WHEREAS air transportation capability is growing at a rapid pace in  
21 Alaska and will further increase with construction of the proposed trans-  
22 Alaska pipeline; and

23 WHEREAS emergency facilities located near airport terminals could be of  
24 great convenience in times of air disaster; and

25 WHEREAS the installation of unobtrusive shackles and fittings in hos-  
26 pitals and public buildings such as armories, warehouses, hotels and the  
27 like would permit the immediate conversion of such buildings into emergency  
28 hospitals; and

29 WHEREAS, additionally, portable stretchers could be obtained at a

1 relatively low cost and could be easily stored;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature that the Governor is respectfully  
3 requested, after consultation with the appropriate local officials, to pro-  
4 pose legislation requiring the installation of shackles and mounts and the  
5 storage of exchangeable stretchers in all of Alaska's hospitals and in  
6 designated public buildings adjacent to existing airports and those to be  
7 built throughout the state in quantities proportionate to the passenger  
8 traffic utilizing a particular airport; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that the state pay for stretchers and stretcher mounts  
10 in buildings adjacent to airports and state buildings in boroughs and munici-  
11 palities; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that boroughs and municipalities pay for such mounts in  
13 hospitals and other public buildings within their boundaries; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to present  
15 such a plan, together with the implementing legislation, to the Eighth Legis-  
16 lature at the earliest possible time.