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BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13 *am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND 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,
10 tidal 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
16 receive 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
24 of 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 Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
3 respectfully requested, after consultation with the appropriate local
4 officials, to propose legislation requiring the installation of shackles
5 and mounts and the storage of exchangeable stretchers in all of Alaska's
6 hospitals and in designated public buildings adjacent to existing airports
7 and those to be built throughout the state in quantities proportionate to
8 the passenger traffic utilizing a particular airport; and be it

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

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that boroughs and municipalities pay for such mounts
13 in 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 First
16 Session of the Ninth Legislature.