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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY
COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 CS HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 86

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a study of penal
6 institutions in Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS most penal institutions in Alaska constitute no more than
9 places for the warehousing of those inmates held in the state, while those
10 Alaskans who are placed in federal institutions constitute a great
11 economic burden on the Alaska taxpayers; and

12 WHEREAS, in order for penal institutions to serve a useful purpose
13 to the inmate and society alike, there should be programs to keep the
14 inmate population busy and designed to teach persons incarcerated how to
15 be productive and give them an opportunity to repay the state and a victim
16 for injuries and economic losses, as well as enabling them, perhaps, to
17 have some economic resources before their release; and

18 WHEREAS labor organizations might be extremely helpful and a
19 valuable resource in establishing institutional apprentice programs; and

20 WHEREAS, in addition to valuable work and training programs, some
21 penal institutions have been successful in establishing viable educational
22 classes and group sessions for medical and psychological therapy; and

23 WHEREAS various institutions have also stymied the rampant homosexual
24 and other deviant sexual behavior by permitting inmates with proven
25 institutional records and achievements to receive spouses and visitors
26 in private and in cottages available within the institution on a rental
27 basis;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the
29 Legislative Council in cooperation with all appropriate departments and

1 agencies, to conduct a feasibility study, including cost analyses, of
2 implementing these various programs and ideas within Alaska's penal
3 institutions; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that the council's report, with any recommendations,
5 be presented to the Ninth Legislature - First Session.
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