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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37.

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a study of health care  
6 delivery systems.

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

8 WHEREAS the cost of medical, hospital, and related health services for  
9 Alaskans is increasing at a rapid pace; and

10 WHEREAS the budgets of the Department of Health and Social Services and  
11 the other state agencies involved in health care must be increased continu-  
12 ally to meet their statutory requirements; and

13 WHEREAS the numerous federal agencies in Alaska responsible for health  
14 programs and services also must seek to increase their budgets and personnel  
15 year by year in order to serve the beneficiaries of their services; and

16 WHEREAS the federal government already has reduced some health budgets  
17 during fiscal year 1973, notably the Alaska Native Health Service, and the  
18 administration indicates that further reductions will be sought as a matter  
19 of policy; and

20 WHEREAS it is recognized that much of the know-how and expertise exists  
21 for discovering and preventing illnesses earlier than is the case today,  
22 and for providing for adequate early treatment; and

23 WHEREAS astronomical costs to the state result from the above facts,  
24 plus untold human suffering, broken families, unwanted children, and children  
25 growing up without proper health information; and

26 WHEREAS the President and the Congress of the United States have both  
27 indicated their intent to improve the Nation's health care delivery systems  
28 to assure quality care for all persons; and

29 WHEREAS Alaska's numerous organizations, agencies, and health groups

1 have expressed their concern and desire for strengthening the health care  
2 delivery system in Alaska;

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature that the Governor is respectfully  
4 requested to direct the Department of Health and Social Services to under-  
5 take an analysis of the health care delivery systems in Alaska; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that the analysis should include such components as  
7 current health care costs; sources and amounts of federal, state and other  
8 health funds; health insurance; federal, state and local health and health-  
9 related programs; group, prepaid medical practice; health clinics; the  
10 Indian Health Service; and other aspects of how people secure (or fail to  
11 secure) preventive, diagnostic, and curative health care; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department may expend a maximum of \$150,000  
13 for the conduct of this analysis; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED that the analysis be conducted by a carefully selected  
15 company with proven qualities, staff, and experience to undertake this type  
16 of study; and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED that a complete report and set of practical recommen-  
18 dations, directed toward existing health agencies and institutions in Alaska  
19 and health insurance companies, be prepared by the Department of Health and  
20 Social Services for the Eighth Legislature - Second Session, including  
21 recommendations for utilization of all available health funds currently being  
22 expended in Alaska in a more orderly and effective manner and for all per-  
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