

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a study of the problems
6 of the aged.

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

8 WHEREAS the State of Alaska has benefited immeasurably from the
9 efforts of citizens who have worked and lived many long years in Alaska;
10 and

11 WHEREAS these senior citizens, faced with the continual rising cost of
12 living, often find that their hard-earned savings, pensions, and
13 traditional livelihoods are inadequate to permit them to continue living in
14 the state they helped to build; and

15 WHEREAS, if the aged are forced to migrate, Alaska loses not only an
16 irreplaceable cultural link, but also a valuable economic input; and

17 WHEREAS many senior citizens now serve on advisory boards and other
18 such committees and the citizens of Alaska can benefit greatly from the
19 accumulated wisdom of the aged if they remain in the state; and

20 WHEREAS many of these burdens may be lightened, at little or no cost
21 to anyone, by considered legislative action;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Legislative
23 Council is directed to conduct a study of the problems of the aged in
24 Alaska, the study to include but not limited to a consideration of:

- 25 (1) the cost of living in general as it affects the aged;
26 (2) the cost and availability of housing for the aged;
27 (3) problems of public transportation facing the aged;
28 (4) the difficulty of remaining in Alaska after retirement;
29 (5) the number of elderly below poverty level in each census

1 division in the state;

2 (6) the age breakdown of those 60 years of age or over
3 (60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75 and over) by census division;

4 (7) the racial-ethnic composition of the aged by census
5 division;

6 (8) the health, employment and nutritional needs of the aged;
7 and

8 (9) the affect on the longevity bonus of the new federal
9 Social Security Income (SSI) regulation; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council shall submit its report,
11 with recommendation, to the Ninth Legislature - First Session.