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Referred: Health, Education  
& Social Services

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 150

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the Eagle River Correctional  
6 Center.

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

8 WHEREAS the Eagle River Correctional Center, the newest of the state's  
9 correctional facilities, was originally intended to be a medium to minimum  
10 security facility which would apply progressive correctional techniques in a  
11 relaxed environment; and

12 WHEREAS over \$5.2 million was spent to build a 72,000 square foot com-  
13 plex of wooded courtyards, covered walkways, and clustered housing units  
14 where treatment could be conducted in a relaxed, open, and congenial environ-  
15 ment; and

16 WHEREAS the Eagle River Correctional Center, in spite of its nominal  
17 commitment to open, relaxed treatment of criminal offenders, does contain a  
18 housing facility capable of holding maximum security prisoners; and

19 WHEREAS the maximum security housing has been utilized at least in part  
20 to meet the needs of the Division of Corrections in adequately supervising  
21 maximum security prisoners; and

22 WHEREAS the growing reliance upon the Eagle River Correctional Center to  
23 house maximum security prisoners poses serious questions regarding the  
24 original purposes for which the facility was constructed;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is  
26 respectfully requested to have the Department of Health and Social Services,  
27 Division of Corrections, make a formal policy commitment stating the manner  
28 in which it intends to use the Eagle River Correctional Center in the future,  
29 including a statement as to whether the facility will continue to house

1 maximum security prisoners or whether it will be used exclusively as a treat-  
2 ment center for minimum security prisoners.

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