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Referred: Health, Education
and Social Services

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the rescission or
6 deferral of funds under sec.
7 314(d) of the Federal Partnership
8 for Health Act

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

10 WHEREAS, under the Partnership for Health Act and its amendments (P.L.
11 89-749 and P.L. 90-174), the State of Alaska, together with all other
12 states and territories, has been receiving a block grant of 314(d) funds
13 (currently \$337,400) from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare,
14 and these funds provide support of school health education services, home
15 health programs, the Child Study Center, the Greater Anchorage Area Borough
16 Health Department, and numerous other public health programs which provide
17 services to people; and

18 WHEREAS 314(d) funds now constitute the basic federal grant for public
19 health services; and

20 WHEREAS 314(d) is funded only until March 31, 1975, and the President's
21 revised budget for 1975 shows zero expenditure of 314(d) funds in the
22 fourth quarter of FY 1975; and

23 WHEREAS the President's budget released February 3, 1975, likewise
24 shows no request for 314(d) funds for FY 1976; and

25 WHEREAS no proposal for either a deferral or rescission of 314(d)
26 funds for the fourth quarter of 1975 is included with the budget message;
27 and

28 WHEREAS the loss of 314(d) funds would seriously affect the public
29 health program in Alaska -- eliminating 14 existing health positions,

1 reducing by 15 per cent the grant to the Greater Anchorage Area Borough,
2 cancelling the present state school health education program, the home
3 health programs in Fairbanks and Juneau, and the Child Study Center, reducing
4 chest clinics, laboratory services, immunization services, etc. throughout
5 the state; and

6 WHEREAS the failure of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
7 to transmit official advance notification of proposals for rescission or
8 deferral is a violation of the intent of the Budget Reform Act of 1974;

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress of
10 the United States is requested to make every effort to insure the continua-
11 tion of 314(d) funds under P.L. 89-749 and P.L. 90-174 beyond March 31,
12 1975.

13 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Caspar
14 Weinberger, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare; the Honorable
15 Harrison A. Williams, Jr., Chairman, Senate Labor and Public Welfare
16 Committee; the Honorable Harley O. Staggers, Chairman, House Interstate and
17 Foreign Commerce Committee; the Honorable John McClellan, Chairman, Senate
18 Committee on Appropriations; the Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman, House
19 Committee on Appropriations; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
20 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.
21 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.