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2  HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the inclusion of correctional
6 industry in any study of corrections.

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

8 WHEREAS questions concerning modes of correction and correctional faci-
9 lities exist which in all probability will require study into the general
10 subject of corrections; and

11 WHEREAS establishment of correctional industries could make a substan-
12 tial contribution by providing adequate, regular, diversified and suitable
13 employment for prisoners of the state consistent with proper penal purposes;
14 and

15 WHEREAS establishment of correctional industries could make a substan-
16 tial contribution to prisoners by providing a source of income for purposes
17 of self-maintenance, family support, reimbursement of victims, and some
18 accumulation of funds to aid the prisoner in beginning a new life on his re-
19 lease as well as providing the prisoner with the opportunity to learn a trade
20 and acquire the habits of work discipline; and

21 WHEREAS the probability that establishment of correctional industries
22 could contribute significantly to improvement in any correctional program
23 makes this a logical component of a study concerning corrections;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that any study of correc-
25 tions conducted by the legislative or executive branch of government include
26 as a major component of the study the establishment of correctional indus-
27 tries to include:

28 (1) allowing inmates of correctional institutions to work and
29 learn a trade;

1 (2) providing regular employment at the normal working hours of
2 state employees and set the standard wages for the employment;

3 (3) providing that the wages be used, in the order of priority
4 listed, for

5 (A) room and board at the correctional institution;

6 (B) compensation of victims of the crime for which the inmate
7 is imprisoned;

8 (C) support of the family of the inmate;

9 (D) a determined amount for the inmate's personal use;

10 (E) accumulation for payment to the inmate upon release.

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