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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to public health services.

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

7 WHEREAS the primary clientele of the United States Public Health Service
8 in Alaska are Native Alaskans, and they constitute a majority of the popula-
9 tion in rural areas; and

10 WHEREAS the rural areas of the state are medically underserved, while
11 Anchorage is well served by public and private hospitals both;

12 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the United
13 States Public Health Service, the Southcentral Health Systems Agency, and the
14 Statewide Health Coordinating Council to urge the Indian Health Service to

15 1. voluntarily recognize and comply with review and approval authority
16 by the health systems agencies over their programs;

17 2. increase emphasis on rural health care with no attempt to replace
18 either the existing hospital facility in Anchorage or in Sitka;

19 3. recognize the sophistication of the hospital facilities and the
20 private medical community in Anchorage and other areas of the state, and
21 contract for consultation services with these providers.

22 COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION shall be sent to Gerald Ivey, Director of the
23 Alaska Native Health Service; Ron Hammett of the Southcentral Health Systems
24 Agency; and Sharon Osborne, Coordinator of the Office of Planning and Re-
25 search in the Department of Health and Social Services.