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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 94

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the Department of Community and  
6 Regional Affairs to conduct a preliminary  
7 study of governmental services provided to  
8 Bethel and Kotzebue.

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

10 WHEREAS a decentralized governmental structure can best meet the special  
11 needs of the people in bush areas of Alaska; and

12 WHEREAS state agencies located in Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks may  
13 be currently serving Bethel and Kotzebue at costs that could be significantly  
14 reduced if offices and personnel were moved to those communities, since  
15 travel, communication, and other related expenses could be largely elimi-  
16 nated; and

17 WHEREAS regionalization of governmental services would help to alleviate  
18 the acute unemployment that continues to burden these areas; and

19 WHEREAS access to government is the key to an informed and responsive  
20 citizenry;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
22 the Governor to direct the Department of Community and Regional Affairs to  
23 conduct a preliminary study of government services presently being provided  
24 to Bethel and Kotzebue by agencies located in Juneau, Anchorage, Fairbanks,  
25 or other urban areas, to determine the best method of regionalizing these  
26 services and employees so that a comprehensive plan can be developed to fully  
27 establish Bethel and Kotzebue as a regional economic, cultural and govern-  
28 mental center.

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