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1 IN THE SENATE

2 HCS SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to an increase in the number of  
6 state troopers.

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

8 WHEREAS crime in Alaska has increased concomitant with the increase in  
9 population due to construction of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline; and

10 WHEREAS the termination of pipeline construction activities and resul-  
11 tant lack of jobs is expected to further increase crime in Alaska; and

12 WHEREAS crime has increased markedly in some suburbs and at least one  
13 citizens' group has initiated armed patrolling; and

14 WHEREAS, in spite of numerous studies and surveys that show that the  
15 prevention and punishment of crime ranks high in Alaskans' priorities,  
16 expenditures for the state troopers amount to only approximately one per cent  
17 of the state budget; and

18 WHEREAS widespread fear for the safety of person and property is incom-  
19 patible with the existence of a cohesive, free, and open society;

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully  
21 requests the Governor to increase the number of officers in the detachments  
22 and the criminal investigation bureau of the Department of Public Safety and  
23 also to create regional satellite headquarters.

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