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1 IN THE SENATE

BY FERGUSON BY REQUEST

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting review and revision of state  
6 codes relating to public buildings to  
7 incorporate provisions giving considera-  
8 tion to Alaskan conditions.

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

10 WHEREAS the cost of construction of public buildings by the state and  
11 its local governments is high; and

12 WHEREAS a significant factor contributing to the excessive costs of  
13 construction, especially of new school construction, appears to be attribu-  
14 table to the requirement of compliance with standard national codes which  
15 have been adopted by reference, without regard to Alaska's needs or condi-  
16 tions; and

17 WHEREAS it appears that the codes adopted by state departments and appli-  
18 cable to the state and its local governments in the construction of public  
19 buildings include provisions which are neither appropriate nor cost effec-  
20 tive; and

21 WHEREAS it is in the public interest for the state departments which  
22 have adopted standard national codes to initiate a thorough review of those  
23 codes and make recommendations and revisions to the codes which may serve to  
24 materially reduce construction costs for public buildings without threat to  
25 the health or safety of members of the public who use those buildings;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is  
27 respectfully requested to direct each of the following commissioners and the  
28 respective executive departments to undertake a comprehensive review of the  
29 standard national codes adopted by reference and incorporated into the Alaska

1 Administrative Code and to recommend those changes or amendments in the codes  
2 which will make them better applicable to Alaskan conditions:

- 3 (1) Commissioner Richard L. Burton, Department of Public Safety --  
4 Uniform Building Code and Uniform Fire Code;
- 5 (2) Commissioner Helen Beirne, Department of Health and Social  
6 Services -- Uniform Plumbing Code;
- 7 (3) Commissioner Ed Orbeck, Department of Labor -- National  
8 Electrical Code and Uniform Mechanical Code; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that a report summarizing the review undertaken and  
10 setting forth the changes made or recommended in each of the codes be pre-  
11 pared by the respective commissioners and submitted to the legislature not  
12 later than the 10th day of the First Session of the Eleventh Alaska Legis-  
13 lature.

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