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Referred: Health, Education &  
Social Services and Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY BEIRNE AND CHATTERTON

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 485

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing an institution for the long-term  
7 care of alcoholics."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 \* Section 1. AS 47.37.130 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (h) The office shall establish and operate an approved public  
11 treatment facility exclusively for the care of persons who voluntarily  
12 admit themselves under AS 47.37.160 for a period of at least 90 days or  
13 who are involuntarily recommitted for treatment under AS 47.37.200(c) or  
14 (d). Care provided shall include room and board. The institution shall  
15 be capable of housing 70 persons, shall serve the entire state, and  
16 shall be located near a major metropolitan area.

17 \* Sec. 2. After operating the facility established under AS 47.37.130(h)  
18 enacted in sec. 1 of this Act for five years, the office may contract with a  
19 public or private agency, organization, or individual to operate the facility  
20 as an approved public treatment facility. Before contracting for the opera-  
21 tion of the facility, the office shall consider

22 (1) the availability of third party reimbursements for the cost of  
23 the care provided;

24 (2) the direct and indirect costs likely to be incurred by state  
25 agencies referring persons to the facility should it be operated by a con-  
26 tractor;

27 (3) the willingness and capability of a public or private agency,  
28 organization, or individual to operate the facility and provide the required  
29 fiscal and administrative management.