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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LABOR AND
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to workers' compensation.

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

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WHEREAS the number of claims for workers' compensation has increased

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beyond the capability of the Workmen's Compensation Board to issue decisions

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within the time limits set by law; and

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WHEREAS many claimants for workers' compensation benefits must wait from

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60 to 90 days before their claims are decided by the Workmen's Compensation

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Board; and

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WHEREAS there has not been a major revision of the state workers' com-

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penetration law since statehood; and

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WHEREAS these delays and the many changes that have taken place in the

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state since enactment of the workers' compensation law are sufficient reasons

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for the legislature to thoroughly review the provisions of the Alaska Work-

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men's Compensation Act;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that under AS 24.20.090

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and Uniform Rule 48(c) the legislative council is directed to

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(1) establish a study group which consists of the following mem-

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(A) a representative of an insurance company providing

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workers' compensation coverage in the state;

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(B) an attorney who represents workers' compensation

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claimants;

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(C) a representative of an organized group of workers'

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compensation claimants;

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(D) an employer subject to the workers' compensation

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2 (E) a representative of a labor union;

3 (F) a state senator, appointed by the president of the
4 senate; and

5 (G) a state representative, appointed by the speaker of
6 the house of representatives; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor is respectfully requested to direct
8 the director of the division of insurance, Department of Commerce and Eco-
9 nomic Development, and the director of the workmen's compensation division,
10 Department of Labor, to participate as members of the study group established
11 under this resolution; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group shall meet at least bimonthly and
13 shall by October 1, 1980, report to the legislature on its findings and
14 recommendations concerning changes in the workers' compensation law needed to
15 eliminate antiquated and inadequate provisions, to provide orderly procedures
16 for the processing of workers' compensation claims, and to bring the workers'
17 compensation law into harmony with current needs and conditions.

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