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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LABOR AND
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to workers' compensation.

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

7 WHEREAS there have been several major revisions of the state workers'
8 compensation law since statehood; and

9 WHEREAS the many changes that have taken place in the state since
10 statehood are sufficient reasons for the legislature to thoroughly review the
11 provisions of the Alaska Workmen's Compensation Act; and

12 WHEREAS the cost of workers' compensation can be a burden on employers
13 in the state;

14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that under AS 24.20.090
15 and Uniform Rule 48(c) the legislative council is directed to establish a
16 Workers' Compensation Study Commission consisting of the following members:

17 (1) three employers subject to the workers' compensation law ap-
18 pointed jointly by the speaker of the house of representatives and the presi-
19 dent of the senate;

20 (2) three representatives of labor organizations who are covered
21 by the workers' compensation law appointed jointly by the speaker of the
22 house of representatives and the president of the senate;

23 (3) one representative of an insurer providing workers' compensa-
24 tion coverage in the state appointed by the president of the Senate;

25 (4) a state senator and a state representative appointed by the
26 chairman of the legislative council who shall be co-chairmen of the study
27 commission; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Affairs Agency is directed to make
29 available staff, administrative support, and facilities reasonable required

1 to carry out the functions of the Workers' Compensation Study Commission
2 established by this resolution; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor is respectfully requested to direct
4 the Department of Labor to contribute to the work of the Workers' Compensa-
5 tion Study Commission established under this resolution; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Workers' Compensation Study Commission shall
7 meet at least bimonthly and shall by the 30th day of the First Session of the
8 Twelfth Legislature report to the legislature on its preliminary findings and
9 recommendations concerning changes in the workers' compensation law needed to
10 eliminate antiquated and inadequate provisions, to provide fully for the
11 legitimate rights of injured Alaskan workers, to bring the workers' compensa-
12 tion law into harmony with current needs and conditions, and to minimize the
13 cost of workers' compensation to employers in the state.

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