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Referred: Commerce

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to fundamental changes in the

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personal injury liability insurance

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system.

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

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WHEREAS there is a current crisis with respect to the availability and

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cost of medical malpractice and other personal injury insurance coverages;

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WHEREAS this crisis reflects general trends for other types of in-

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surance; and

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WHEREAS the increasing expense and unavailability of insurance coverage

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is becoming a hardship for people of average or below average means and

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incomes; and

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WHEREAS the spiraling costs of insurance against personal injury, pro-

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ducts liability, and malpractice liability suggest that fundamental changes

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in the present bodily injury reparation system are needed; and

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WHEREAS the nature and extent of bodily injury liability is defined by

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the substantive law of tort in this state by the state's judicial system; and

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is

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respectfully requested to appoint a chairman and 20 other people who are

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Alaskan residents and who represent the broadest spectrum of geographic

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orientation, political viewpoint and professional interest in the subject,

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including but not limited to attorneys, health care providers, legislators,

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business and consumer interests, and insurance interests, to a Bodily Injury

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Reparation Commission; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the Governor's Bodily Injury

1 Reparation Commission is to study the need and suggest the avenues available
2 for fundamental changes in the field of bodily injury reparation relating to
3 the following areas:

- 4 (1) legal principles of bodily injury reparation;
- 5 (2) legal procedures and expenses;
- 6 (3) the functioning of the personal injury liability insurance
7 system;
- 8 (4) the availability of insurance;
- 9 (5) alternate methods of bodily injury reparation; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor's commission shall report its pre-
11 liminary findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than
12 January 23, 1980.

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