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Referred: Health, Education  
& Social Services

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to conflicts between foster  
6 parents and social workers.

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

8 WHEREAS the use of well-qualified foster homes is an essential component  
9 of the state's system of child care; and

10 WHEREAS foster parents often have a much better opportunity to observe  
11 the children under their care than do social workers assigned to the case;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS there are occasions in which the experience and observations of  
14 the foster parents are not given sufficient credence; and

15 WHEREAS there is a need to insure that foster parents recommendations  
16 are considered when crucial decisions affecting the child are made;

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is  
18 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Health and Social Services  
19 to establish a procedure for the mediation of conflicts between foster  
20 parents and social workers by a disinterested person in which both the  
21 social worker and the foster parents participate.  
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