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BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a state policy for the
6 developmentally disabled.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

8 WHEREAS the Alaska House of Representatives recognizes the innate
9 dignity, value, and rights of developmentally disabled Alaskans; and

10 WHEREAS the continued improvement of the quality of life for develop-
11 mentally disabled Alaskans is a concern of all Alaskans; and

12 WHEREAS the Alaska House of Representatives recognizes the importance
13 of expanding opportunities for the developmentally disabled for indepen-
14 dence in employment, education, and community living; and

15 WHEREAS the Alaska House of Representatives recognizes that it is
16 desirable that delivery of social services to the developmentally disabled
17 be made in the least restrictive manner, consistent with ensuring each
18 individual's health, safety, and growth; and

19 WHEREAS it is important that the active exploration of community-based
20 alternatives to institutionalization continue; and

21 WHEREAS state law has recognized and incorporated a policy of minimal
22 institutionalization since 1978 and a recent decision of the Alaska Supreme
23 Court has recognized this legislative policy; and

24 WHEREAS every year since 1978 the Governor's Council for the Handi-
25 capped and Gifted has provided the state a plan that could increase the
26 availability of community-based services that could deinstitutionalize
27 Alaska's developmentally disabled population;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully requests
29 the Governor and appropriate departments and agencies to submit to the

1 First Session of the Fourteenth Alaska State Legislature a comprehensive
2 program for the developmentally disabled that will advance the goals ex-
3 pressed in this resolution, after due consideration of advice from the
4 Governor's Council for the Handicapped and Gifted.