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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Authorizing a study of the certificate

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of need program.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

8 WHEREAS the certificate of need program is the only method by which  
9 the state currently reviews and controls capital expenditures for health  
10 care facilities in the state; and

11 WHEREAS a recent study has shown that state certificate of need pro-  
12 grams effectively inhibit the unrestrained construction of health care  
13 facilities; and

14 WHEREAS substantial federal funding is available to the state if the  
15 state maintains a certificate of need program that is in compliance with  
16 federal law; and

17 WHEREAS Congress is considering substantial changes in federal certif-  
18 icate of need requirements; and

19 WHEREAS it would be imprudent to repeal or suspend the state certifi-  
20 cate of need program at this time;

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Senate that the Senate Finance Committee  
22 conduct or contract for a comprehensive study of the state certificate of  
23 need program to examine the feasibility of maintaining the program in some  
24 form that is in compliance with federal law; and be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED that if the certificate of need program is found to  
26 be an ineffective method of insuring adequate state review of capital  
27 expenditures for health care facilities and providing for rational and  
28 systematic planning of a health care delivery system in the state, the  
29 person conducting the study shall investigate and recommend alternatives

1 for achieving such goals; and be it

2       FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall be submitted to the Senate not

3 later than January 30, 1984.