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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Establishing a joint committee on mental

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health trust land.

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

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WHEREAS the United States Congress granted 1,000,000 acres of land to

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the Territory of Alaska to be administered as a public trust for the neces-

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sary expenses and support of mental health in the territory; and

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WHEREAS in October 1985, the Alaska Supreme Court determined that the

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1978 decision of the Alaska Legislature to redesignate mental health trust

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land as general grant land had breached the trust established by the Con-

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WHEREAS the legislature, the administration, and mental health advo-

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cates agree that the state must comply with the intent of the Congress and

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the Alaska Supreme Court decision; and

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WHEREAS the legislature must be involved in the resolution of issues

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involving mental health trust land;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that a Joint Committee

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on Mental Health Trust Land is established under Uniform Rule 21(b); and be

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Committee on Mental Health Trust Land

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is composed of three members of the Senate appointed by the president of

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the Senate, and three members of the House of Representatives appointed by

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the speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Committee on Mental Health Trust Land

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develop, after public hearings, a proposal to resolve the mental health

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trust litigation and recommend a level of appropriations adequate to

1 provide sufficient funding for mental health programs in the future; and be  
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3       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the committee is authorized to meet during and  
4 between sessions of the legislature and is to report its recommendations  
5 and findings on the first day of the First Session of the Fifteenth State  
6 Legislature; and be it

7       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the committee terminates on the 10th day of the  
8 First Session of the Fifteenth State Legislature.

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