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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50 (HESS)

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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:

8 WHEREAS the United States Congress granted 1,000,000 acres of land to  
9 the Territory of Alaska to be administered as a public trust for the neces-  
10 sary expenses and support of mental health in the territory; and

11 WHEREAS in October 1985, the Alaska Supreme Court determined that the  
12 1978 decision of the Alaska Legislature to redesignate mental health trust  
13 land as general grant land had breached the trust established by the Con-  
14 gress; and

15 WHEREAS the legislature, the administration, and mental health advo-  
16 cates agree that the state must comply with federal law and the Alaska  
17 Supreme Court decision; and

18 WHEREAS the legislature must be involved in the resolution of issues  
19 involving mental health trust land;

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that a Joint Committee  
21 on Mental Health Trust Land is established under Uniform Rule 21(b); and be  
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23 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Committee on Mental Health Trust Land  
24 is composed of three members of the Senate appointed by the president of  
25 the Senate, and three members of the House of Representatives appointed by  
26 the speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Committee on Mental Health Trust Land  
28 develop, after public hearings, a proposal to resolve the mental health  
29 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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