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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to access to basic health care

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services for Alaskans.

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

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WHEREAS access to basic health care services is crucial to the
9 well-being of persons in the state;

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WHEREAS adequate health insurance is an extremely important factor in
11 the ability to obtain adequate health care services; and

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WHEREAS many persons in the state are unable to obtain adequate health
13 insurance because they are not covered by a group plan and the cost of
14 individual plans can be prohibitive; and

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WHEREAS the lack of basic health care coverage is detrimental to the
16 health of the persons lacking coverage and to the public welfare, and often
17 results in substantial expenditures for emergency and remedial health care
18 services at the expense of health care providers, health care facilities,
19 and all purchasers of health care, including the state; and

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WHEREAS there have been studies in other states, including Washington
21 and Wisconsin, to determine the number of persons who are not adequately
22 covered by health plans and whether new methods of health care financing
23 could reduce the number of persons at risk; and

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WHEREAS a bill introduced in this session, HB 675, proposes a creative
25 health care financing plan that could address the needs of persons at risk
26 in this state and has significant potential to reduce the growth of health
27 care costs incurred by the persons in the state; and

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WHEREAS there is a need to define the scope of health care coverage
29 needs in the state in order to determine if a concept like that proposed in

1 HB 675 could be effective and efficient in meeting the needs;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
3 the Governor to direct the Department of Health and Social Services to

4 (1) determine how many persons in this state are currently
5 without adequate health care protection;

6 (2) analyze the health care financing plan proposed in HB 675
7 and other similar plans being proposed or used in other states to determine
8 the most efficient and effective way to provide health care protection to
9 persons who would not otherwise be protected;

10 (3) assess the financial implications of providing broader
11 access to basic health care services for persons in the state; and

12 (4) report by March 1, 1987, to the Fifteenth Legislature
13 concerning its determinations and recommendations.