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BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61 am

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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 well-

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being of persons in the state;

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WHEREAS adequate health insurance is an extremely important factor in

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the ability to obtain basic health care services; and

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WHEREAS many persons in the state are unable to obtain basic health

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insurance because they are not covered by a group plan and the cost of

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individual plans can be prohibitive; and

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WHEREAS the lack of basic health care coverage is detrimental to the

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health of the persons lacking coverage and to the public welfare, and often

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results in substantial expenditures for emergency and remedial health care

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services at the expense of health care providers, health care facilities,

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and all purchasers of health care, including the state; and

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WHEREAS there have been studies in other states, including Washington

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and Wisconsin, to determine the number of persons who are not adequately

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covered by health plans and whether subsidized methods of health care

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financing 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

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health care financing plan that could address the needs of persons at risk

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in this state and has significant potential to reduce the growth of health

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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

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needs in the state in order to determine if a subsidized basic health plan

1 like that proposed in HB 675 could be effective and efficient in meeting
2 the needs;

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

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

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

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

13 (4) report by March 1, 1987, to the Fifteenth Legislature con-
14 cerning its determinations and recommendations.