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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to dependent care benefits

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under the Supplemental Benefits System.

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

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WHEREAS changes to the federal income tax laws require changes to the

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state's supplemental employee benefits program; and

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WHEREAS changes and clarifications of federal tax law since the sup-

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plemental employee benefits program was designed in 1979 will permit the

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state to offer a cafeteria plan with a variety of benefits from which

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employees may make selections; and

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WHEREAS one of the options permitted by federal tax law is a dependent

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care assistance program in which certain costs for dependent care may be

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paid from income not subject to federal taxation; and

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WHEREAS child care expenses can be a significant expense for working

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parents;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges

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the Governor to direct the Department of Administration to offer dependent

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care assistance in the revised supplemental employee benefits program.