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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7 (HESS)

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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 the funding of the emergenc

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medical services system.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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WHEREAS federal grant funding for emergency medical services systems

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to promote and assist non-Alaska Native communities to upgrade prehospital

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emergency medical services has been dissolved; and

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WHEREAS Alaska has more than 2,570 volunteer emergency medical techni-

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cians working in more than 114 volunteer provider agencies; and

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WHEREAS the provision of emergency medical service prehospital care

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systems is a responsibility of local government, the Legislature, Alaska

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Native Health Services, and the administration; and

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WHEREAS the quality of service available to a victim of an emergency

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should be standardized throughout the state, with due regard for the size

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of the community and the level of service; and

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WHEREAS the planning process for ambulance service operation, ambu-

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lance service personnel certification, and technical assistance to ambu-

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lance services and communities is in place and functioning; and

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WHEREAS the Governor is responsible for the faithful execution of the

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laws; and

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WHEREAS Alaska law (AS 18.08) authorizes the adoption of regulations

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relating to certification and recertification of emergency medical techni-

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cians, emergency medical technician instructors, and ambulance and air

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ambulance services; and

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WHEREAS the Legislature is responsible for the promotion and protec-

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tion of public health and welfare; and

1 WHEREAS the state office of emergency medical services, division of
2 public health, Department of Health and Social Services is responsible for
3 the implementation of AS 18.08 to protect the public health and welfare;
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5 WHEREAS the current level of funding and the uncertain distribution of
6 funds for the emergency medical services system inhibit compliance with
7 this law; and

8 WHEREAS the emergency medical services system is dependent on several
9 funding sources; and

10 WHEREAS the amount of money allocated to support the state's emergency
11 medical services system is insufficient to comply with the intent of
12 AS 18.08;

13 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully requests
14 that the Governor include an annual appropriation from identified funding
15 sources to provide a basic level of emergency medical services appropriate
16 to each community in the state.