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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to residential services for

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Alaskans with developmental disabilities

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and other substantial handicaps.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

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WHEREAS the Senate recognizes the innate dignity, value, and rights of

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Alaskans with developmental disabilities and other substantial handicaps;

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and

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WHEREAS the continued improvement of the quality of life for Alaskans

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with developmental disabilities and other substantial handicaps is a con-

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cern of all Alaskans; and

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WHEREAS the Senate recognizes the importance of a full range of ser-

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vices supporting opportunities for individuals with developmental disabil-

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ities and other substantial handicaps to demonstrate increased participa-

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tion and independence in employment, education, and activities of daily

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living; and

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WHEREAS the Senate recognizes that it is desirable that delivery of

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social services to individuals with developmental disabilities and other

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substantial handicaps be made in the least restrictive manner, consistent

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with ensuring each individual's health, safety, and growth; and

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WHEREAS it is important that the active exploration of a full con-

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tinuum of services continue; and

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WHEREAS state law has recognized and incorporated a policy of minimal

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institutionalization since 1978; and

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WHEREAS the long-term security of Alaskans with developmental disabil-

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ities and other substantial handicaps can be ensured only through the

1 provision of a full range of residential services; and

2       WHEREAS a full range of residential services must include a zero  
3 reject model of service and must have the ability to provide emergency  
4 care, crisis care, and long-term support for Alaskans with developmental  
5 disabilities and other substantial handicaps;

6       BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate respectfully requests the Governor to  
7 support, and to direct the appropriate departments and agencies to support,  
8 the continuation of state support for a full continuum of residential  
9 services, including zero reject alternatives and long-term security for  
10 Alaskans with developmental disabilities and other substantial handicaps  
11 who require lifelong support.