

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to a Health Care Cost Contain-

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ment Task Force.

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

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WHEREAS the state is experiencing rapidly increasing costs for group

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health insurance coverage; and

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WHEREAS providing comprehensive group health care at a reasonable cost

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to state employees is an important concern of the state; and

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WHEREAS a complete review of the costs of providing group health care

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insurance is necessary in order to contain or reduce the cost to the state

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in an era of declining revenues; and

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WHEREAS after reviewing applicable statutes, and practices of the

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insurance industry, legislation may be necessary to implement long-range

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methods to contain or reduce the cost of group health insurance for the

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state and its political subdivisions;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that a Health Care Cost

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Containment Task Force is established to study state statutes, practices of

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health insurers, and to determine ways of containing or reducing the cost

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of group health insurance to the state and its political subdivisions; and

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall first determine and recom-

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mend immediate measures necessary to contain or reduce group health care

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costs in fiscal years 1989 and 1990; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force will also determine any changes

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to the statutes appropriate and necessary to contain or reduce group health

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care costs in the long term; and be it

1       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that members of the task force shall consist of two  
2 members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, two mem-  
3 bers of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House  
4 of Representatives, three members representing the executive branch, ap-  
5 pointed by the Governor, three members representing unions; one appointed  
6 by the President of the Senate, one appointed by the Speaker of the House  
7 of Representatives, and one appointed by the Governor; the members of the  
8 task force shall select a person to act as chair; and be it

9       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the terms of the task force members shall begin  
10 immediately, that the task force may meet between sessions of the legisla-  
11 ture, and that the task force terminates on January 31, 1990; and be it

12       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall submit a report of its  
13 findings and proposed legislation to the Governor and the Legislature by  
14 January 31, 1990.