

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST (For The Health Care Cost
Containment Task Force)

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the Health Care Cost Con-

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tainment Task Force.

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

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WHEREAS the First Session of the Sixteenth Alaska State Legislature

9 resolved to determine ways to contain or reduce the increasing cost of
10 group health insurance to the state and its political subdivisions; and

11 WHEREAS the task force established for this purpose in 1989 by Legis-
12 lative Resolve No. 8 has made substantial progress in achieving savings and
13 health care cost reductions; and

14 WHEREAS these efforts have resulted in

15 (1) \$4,000,000 of refunds to the state for fiscal year 1989;

16 (2) implementation of cost containment measures in the state's
17 health plans that will reduce cost increases by \$4,500,000 in fiscal year
18 1990 and \$7,000,000 in the years ahead;

19 (3) reduction in the amount of the health insurance premium for
20 the state's active employees from \$431.72 to \$385.00 per month per employee
21 that is guaranteed until February 1, 1991; and

22 (4) a \$9 reduction in the amount of the health insurance premium
23 for the state's retirees, to \$244 per retiree, that is also guaranteed
24 until February 1, 1991, and resulting in a saving to the state's pension
25 funds of \$1,200,000; and

26 WHEREAS the task force is investigating other measures that have
27 potential for long-term control of medical and health care cost inflation,
28 principally through insurance pooling, self-insurance options, health care
29 purchasing groups, and provider payment schedules; and

1 WHEREAS pending federal and state legislation could substantially
2 shift additional health costs to the state; and

3 WHEREAS the task force is scheduled to terminate January 31, 1990;

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Health Care
5 Cost Containment Task Force established in 1989 by Legislative Resolve
6 No. 8 shall continue the work described in its January 31, 1990, report to
7 the legislature; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force terminates on February 15, 1991;
9 and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a final report of
11 its findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation to the governor and
12 the legislature by February 15, 1991.