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

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46 am
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the Health Care Cost Con-
6 tainment Task Force.

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

8 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 there is evidence that the unpaid portion of the cost of
4 health care for state residents who are uninsured is included in the cost
5 of health insurance for employees in both the private sector and
6 government; and

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

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

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force also examine the cost of health
13 care for state residents who are uninsured, the effects of the cost
14 shifting from uninsured residents' health care to insured private and
15 government employers, medicare and workers' compensation programs, and
16 recommend solutions to the problem of health care for the uninsured; and be
17 it

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

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