

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
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Referred: Health, Education & Social Services

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging hospitals in the state to establish residency programs for persons being trained
2 as physicians.

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

4 WHEREAS many communities in the state are experiencing a severe shortage of health care
5 providers; and

6 WHEREAS physicians are at the core of the ability to sustain health services in rural areas, and
7 many people may leave rural areas if there are too few physicians, thereby decreasing the base of support
8 for a local health program; and

9 WHEREAS there is also a severe national shortage of primary care physicians in rural areas,
10 causing competition among the states to attract physicians to their communities; and

11 WHEREAS from 50 percent to 75 percent of physicians remain in the region in which they
12 completed their residency; and

13 WHEREAS all medical students from Alaska must perform their residencies outside of the state
14 because of the lack of residency programs here; and

15 WHEREAS there are several hospitals in the state capable of supporting a residency program
16 that could attract physicians to stay and practice in the state;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages appropriate hospitals in the
2 state to establish a medical residency program for primary health care.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the board of directors of each major hospital in the
4 state.