

**CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5 (JUDICIARY)****IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA****SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION****BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE****Offered: 3/29/91****Referred: Rules****Sponsor(s): SENATOR KERITULA****A RESOLUTION**

**1 Relating to the expansion of the youth courts currently used in Anchorage to other areas  
2 of the state.**

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

**4 WHEREAS** the Anchorage Youth Court is a "court" in which the roles of attorneys, judges,  
**5 bailiffs, clerks, and jurors are filled by young people between the ages of 12 and 18; and**

**6 WHEREAS** "defendants" before the Anchorage Youth Court are afforded a chance to receive  
**7 a trial by their peers without receiving a criminal or juvenile record for their alleged wrongdoing; and**

**8 WHEREAS** defendants "convicted" by the Anchorage Youth Court are frequently "sentenced"  
**9 to community work service, thus providing a valuable benefit for the Municipality of Anchorage; and**

**10 WHEREAS** the Anchorage Youth Court provides an opportunity for youths who believe  
**11 themselves to be wrongfully accused of committing offenses, but who cannot afford counsel to contest  
12 the charges, to receive a fair hearing at reasonable cost; and**

**13 WHEREAS** the Anchorage Youth Court provides suitable punishment for juvenile lawbreakers  
**14 who might not receive such punishment through the regular court system because of that system's lack  
15 of resources; and**

**16 WHEREAS** the Anchorage Youth Court has been funded by the Anchorage Bar Association, the

1 Young Lawyers Section of the Anchorage Bar Association, and the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts  
2 (IOLTA) Fund of the Alaska Bar Association; and

3 WHEREAS other communities around the state could benefit from the establishment of youth  
4 courts like the Anchorage Youth Court;

5 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the Alaska Court System, the  
6 Alaska Bar Association, and the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services to assist in the  
7 expansion of the youth courts into other communities of the state.

8 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the administrative director of the Alaska Court  
9 System, the executive director of the Alaska Bar Association, and Theodore Mala, commissioner of  
10 health and social services.