

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Health, Education & Social Services

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to epidemiological and quarantine services in ports of entry in the state.

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

3 WHEREAS Alaska is becoming increasingly important as an international center for
4 trade and travel to and from the Russian Far East and other Pacific Rim countries; and

5 WHEREAS the increasing frequency of travelers increases the risk of the spread of
6 communicable diseases; and

7 WHEREAS Alaskans have reported medical problems after returning from the Russian
8 Far East and other Pacific Rim countries; and

9 WHEREAS the medical and disease monitoring capabilities in Russian Far East may
10 not be sufficient due to the political changes occurring in the Russian government; and

11 WHEREAS the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has discontinued its
12 support of epidemiological and quarantine services in ports of entry in the state, including the
13 Anchorage International Airport;

14 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Congress and the
15 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support additional epidemiological staff to
16 increase Alaska's capability to monitor potential outbreaks of communicable diseases carried
17 by travelers from the Russian Far East and other Pacific Rim countries.

1 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and
2 Human Services; James O. Mason, Assistant Secretary for Health, Public Health Service;
3 William L. Roper, Director, Centers for Disease Control; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
4 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
5 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.