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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

Relating to a plan for local fabrication, fitting and repair of spectacles.

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

WHEREAS it is the practice of private physicians under contract to the Alaska Native Health Service or the Department of Health and Welfare and of the physicians in the employ of these agencies to test the sight of individuals throughout the state and to prescribe spectacles on the basis of these examinations; and

WHEREAS the measurements of patients' facial contours for suitable, attractive and safe frames is almost always left in the hands of those unskilled in the art of opticianry; and

WHEREAS present contracts between Alaska and major optical supply houses are based solely on price and result in the supplying of left-over, out-of-style, or unpopular frame styles; and

WHEREAS there is usually a lapse of up to six months between the time of examination and the time of receipt of the finished spectacles;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Health and Welfare, with the cooperation and advice of the opticians in Alaska, the Alaska State Medical Association, the Alaska Native Health Service, the Alaska Optometric Association, and the Alaska Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, to draw up a plan for local fabrication, fitting, and repair of spectacles.