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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

Relating to a study of "drug abuse" in Alaska.

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

WHEREAS Alaska law currently contains provisions making the possession of, or sale of a multitude of drugs illegal including not only those covered under the Uniform Narcotic Drug Act, but also many varieties of drugs currently classified as depressant, hallucinogenic or stimulant; and

WHEREAS the problem of "drug abuse" is one that is increasing in Alaska as well as elsewhere in the country; and

WHEREAS currently there are many differing reports either being worked on or that have been published which deal with the problems of "drug abuse"; and

WHEREAS many of these reports are conflicting in nature and there is disagreement in the nation as to whether the use or possession of certain drugs should be a subject for the criminal law and whether or not existing penalties are appropriate for the activities prohibited by the law; and

WHEREAS it is extremely important to our citizens that the necessary information is gathered which would enable the legislature to make educated decisions concerning current drug prohibitions in our criminal law and attendant penalties;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Legislative Council contract with a nationally recognized scientific consulting firm to assimilate and evaluate available information relating to "drug abuse" with the purpose of making recommendations

to the Seventh Legislature, Second Session as to the need for any modification of our "drug abuse" laws and attendant penalties.